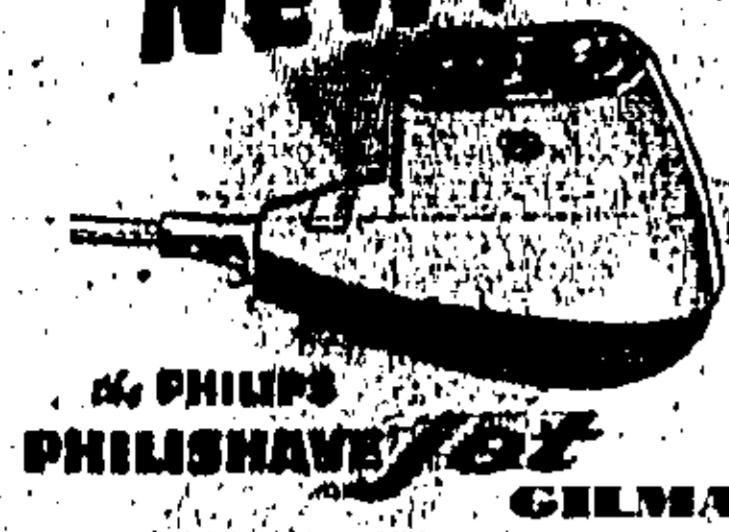


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Four Tons

CONGRATULATIONS go to the men at Cape Canaveral for putting into orbit an ICBM weighing almost four tons—twice as heavy as the biggest Russian Sputnik. Coupled with the sensational flights of two lunar probes earlier this year, the latest developments in American rocketry give the West hope that if it has not completely caught up in this field, it is now lying a close second and challenging for first place.

It is to be hoped that the latest achievement is followed up by other demonstrations of American progress. The Russians have been strangely silent on rocket developments in the last six months. And they are famous for springing surprises which invariably catch the West flat-footed and throw Washington into a turmoil.

The Soviet success with its second dog-carrying sputnik and its later and heavier Sputnik 3 stress that Russia has already solved many of the problems which America is only now unravelling. Its next space project will show whether it is maintaining a lead. But we may safely expect that Russia will not make another move until it is sure of a sensation.

The West has unfortunately developed a complex that regimented State science is superior to competitive industrial science. It has been reinforced by our lack of success in this rather childish contest of one-upmanship. We cannot avoid trying to emulate the achievements of our rivals for broadly the targets of our rockets are similar. Nor can we avoid flapping when we come off second best. But our best bet is not to play the Russian game of springing the occasional sensation. Leave the odd Star Shells to the Russians but let the West hold the eyes of the world with an impressive and regular display of Roman Candies.

EISENHOWER'S VOICE BEAMED FROM AMERICA'S ATLAS SATELLITE X'MAS MESSAGE FROM SPACE

Received
Loud And
Clear

Washington, Dec. 19. President Eisenhower's voice was beamed from outer space by a pullman-size U.S. satellite today with an emotion-packed plea for "Peace On Earth and Goodwill Toward Men Everywhere."

The President's Christmas message to the world, was broadcast from the huge Atlas as it tumbled at 17,000 miles per hour through space.

After Christmas, Defence Department officials said, a New Year's message from the President will be sent to the satellite for relay back to earth.

SATELLITE COST \$1M

Washington, Dec. 19. Defence Department officials today estimated that the Atlas satellite successfully placed in orbit around the earth yesterday cost about one million dollars.

They also estimated that it has cost the United States about \$25,000 million in all to keep abreast of the Soviet Union in this field.

This amount, they said, included the enormous cost of developing guided missiles for defence purposes, as well as adapting them for space projects.—Reuter.

Another

Hagerty was asked whether the President would dispatch another message from the satellite which is designed to pick up broadcasts from earth stations and play them back on cue.

"I don't think by any stretch of the imagination that this is going to be the last message broadcast through the satellite," Hagerty replied.

The messages can be received on shortwave radio.

The Defence Department said it is transmitting at 132.45 and 132.005 megacycles. Stations around the world can monitor the broadcast.—U.P.I. and Reuter.

The message and the accompanying technical accomplishments of the orbiting Atlas was

Family Of UK Cabinet Adviser Found With Throats Cut

London, Dec. 19. The wife and two sons of Thomas Eardley Bromley, British Cabinet adviser on defence matters, were today found with their throats cut in their home at Huslemere, near London.

The two boys, Martin (13) and Stephen (10) were dead. Mrs. Diana Marion Bromley was tonight in a serious condition in hospital.

The Surrey County police said they thought the killings were done with a razor.

TOKYO CONSUL

Bromley, who served as consul in Tokyo, Washington, Bagdad and Denver (U.S.A.) and who was in Cyprus and Port Said during the Suez conflict, is 47.

He reached the top grade of the Foreign Service in 1954 and was transferred to the Ministry of Defence in 1957.

His wife is the daughter of Sir John Prett, retired senior Foreign Office official, whose brother, the actor Boris Karloff, was a popular star of "horror" movies.

So far, the Chief Constable of Surrey, in charge of the enquiry, has not called in Scotland Yard.—France-Press.

Malta Talks Fail

London, Dec. 19. Talks here on Malta's constitutional future have failed to reach general agreement, a colonial office statement disclosed tonight.

The talks, spread over five weeks, have been between Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, and political leaders from the Island colony.—Reuter.

Rotten Eggs Thrown At His Eighth Wedding

Ipol, Dec. 10. A CHINESE going through his eighth wedding was showered with rotten eggs by the Magistrate's court, was told today.

Charged with disorderly conduct was a 23-year-old mother of an infant son whose father was taking his eighth wife. She admitted having thrown rotten eggs at the bridegroom just as he was about to enter his bridal car

with his newly acquired wife after the wedding ceremony in the premises of the Fong On Association.

The accused woman told the magistrate, "He deserved the rotten eggs. He lived with me for six months and paid me in the family way. Then he paid no attention and went to look for another girl."

She has been living with several girls and made some of them pregnant. From one of them he even

borrowed money to buy a car. He is bad-hearted and that's why I threw the eggs at him."

Detective Sergeant Goon Siew Fook confirmed in court that it was the groom's eighth wedding.

Magistrate Inche Ibrahim, Bin Abdul Manan told the woman, "Under the circumstances I admonish and discharge you. Don't do it again."—U.P.I.

Soviet General's Warning

Berlin, Dec. 19. General M. V. Zaharov, Soviet Armed Forces Commander in Germany, tonight warned General R. L. Hodges, U.S. Army Commander in Europe, that the Soviet Army will inflict a devastating defeat on Western allied troops if they attempt to force their way through to Berlin.—U.P.I.

Why Appeal Court Dismissed Charge Against Bishop

Florence, Dec. 19.

A Florence court of appeals said today it acquitted Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato of a defamation charge because he acted within his spiritual rights in labelling as "sinners" a Catholic-born couple married outside the church.

The court today deposited a detailed 44-page explanation of its verdict of Oct. 25 fully acquitting Bishop Pietro Fiordelli and Parish Priest Don Danilo Ajazzi of the charges.

The verdict reversed the Bishop's conviction by a lower court last March 1, an event which stirred Italy's worst church-state controversy in 40 years.

The lower court had inflicted a suspended 40,000 lire (221) fine on Bishop Fiordelli.

CANNOT CENSURE

The Florence Court of Appeals said that article one of the 1929 Concordat which regulates relations between the state of Vatican City and Italy "admits (for the church) the free exercise of operational and jurisdictional power and therefore the State cannot censure an action committed by a priest in the exercise of his spiritual ministry."

The court also said that Bishop Fiordelli only wanted to deplore the "spurious repudiation of the sacrament of matrimony" by the Bellandi couple, and his action could not be censured under any provisions of Italian penal law.

The court said Bishop Fiordelli used the words "sinner" and "concubine" as "technical terms" in condemning the Bellandi couple under the church Canon Law.—U.P.I.

Supreme Soviet

London, Dec. 19. The Supreme Soviet will begin meetings tomorrow in the Kremlin, Radio Moscow said today.

The main session of the Soviet—the nation's Parliament—starts on December 22.—U.P.I.

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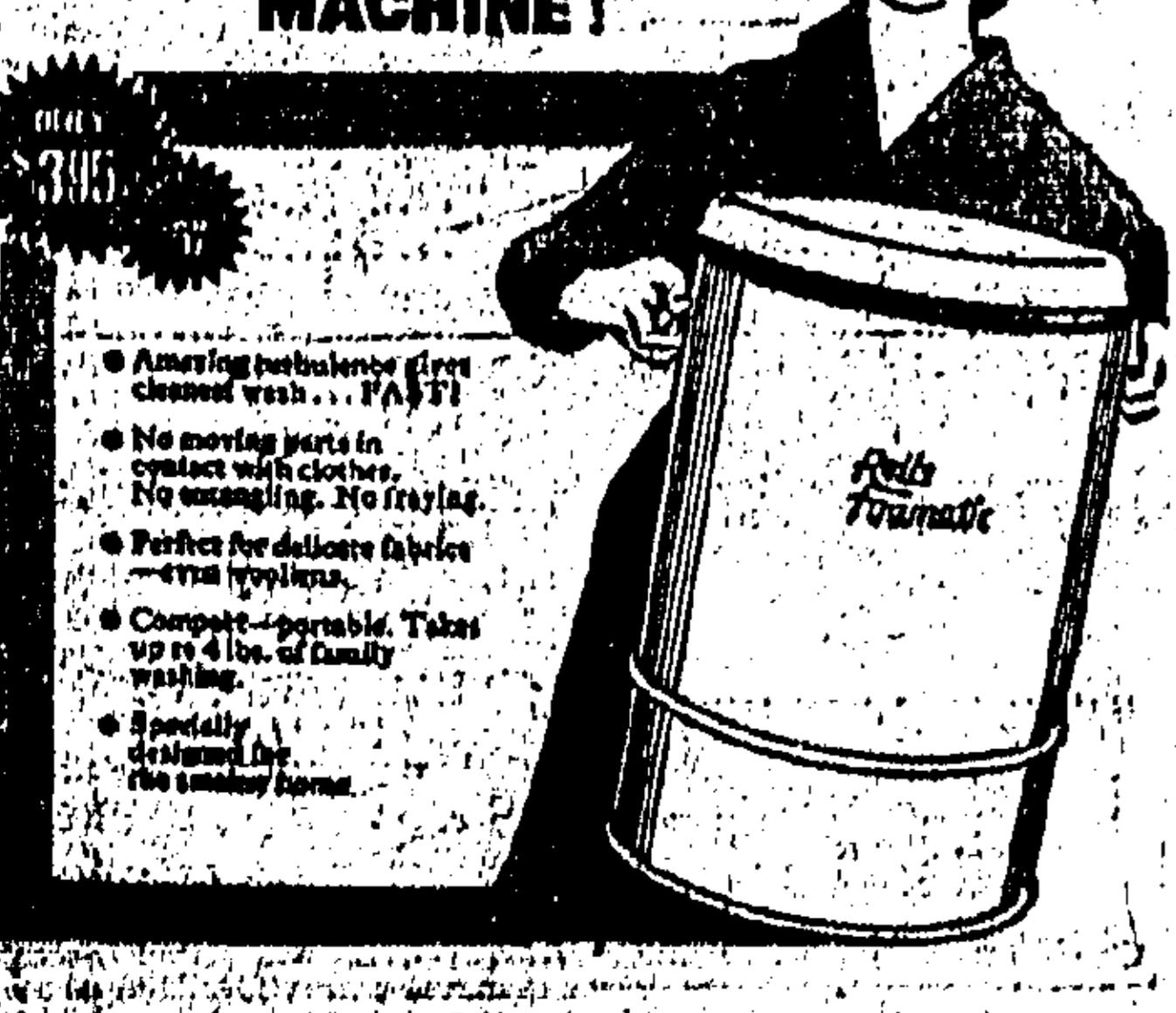
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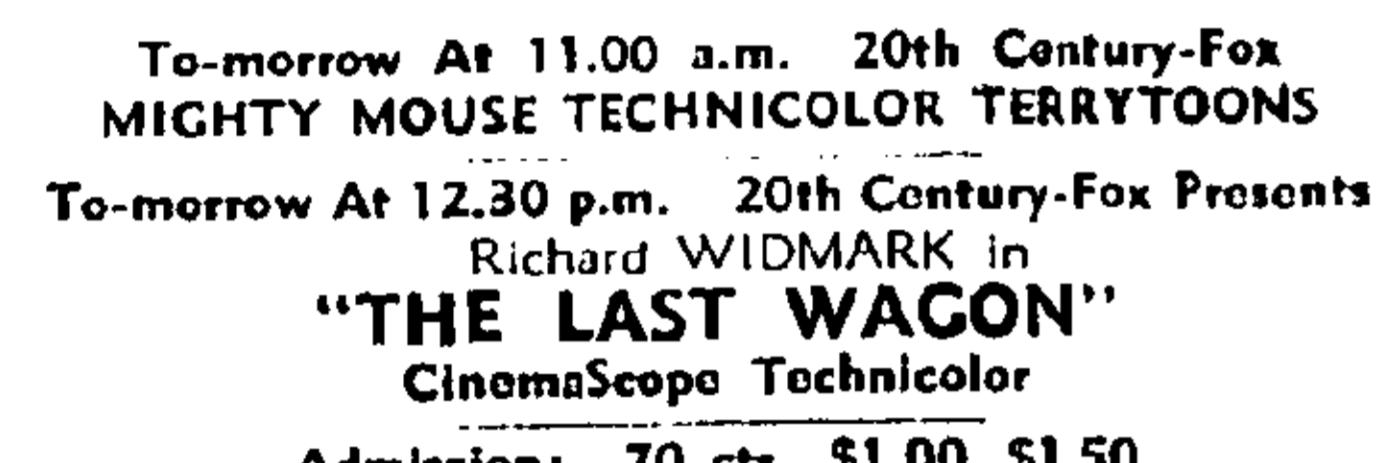
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CURRENT & COMING
by ANTHONY FULLER

YOU might remember that at the beginning of the year, I named "Across the Bridge" as being, in my opinion, the finest film of 1957. What was more, I said it had taken a British film to reveal what an outstanding actor Rod Steiger is.

For the first time in his film career, someone had seen him, and recognised the enormous potential he had for parts which call for that sultan, even childish, crudity he could portray.

Until then, Hollywood saw him as a tough Indian fighter, or a bold rough rider. "Across the Bridge" gave him his chance, and I ventured the opinion he would stay in England to obtain such dramatic roles as were suited to his fine characterisation.

It has not worked out quite like that. America has seen at last what an actor was being wasted on Cowboy and Indian, second rate features. The point of this is, he has now been selected to play Al Capone in the story of that name.

It might be asked, why bring that scarred horror back to the screen, and why waste millions of dollars and acting talent gilding a wretched puny, almost civic accomplishment in his career from being a vice master of Chicago, was to kill off punks like himself?

For Capone could never have risen to power had he not had the police, the Civic Authorities, certain journalists and others in his power. So this film will serve a dual purpose.

Enormous research has gone into the script, and it will emerge as a fine social document, as well as a medium for the undoubtedly qualities of Rod Steiger as an actor.

"EAST of Eden" showing at the Lee and Astor, is Elia Kazan's production of John Steinbeck's great novel.

There are two good reasons for re-issuing this film. The first is that it represents the work of a great writer, one of the greatest of this century.

As long as I have read Steinbeck, I have interpreted his writing as an enormous query flung at the infinite. Why do men, who entertain such hopes and aspirations of themselves, behave as they do?

The theme haunts Steinbeck, and whether it is the short story, or a novel the length of

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SATURDAY "MAIL" FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH NEWS DESK

Ghost 'Kicked Out' Of Haunt

Caesarean Operation Makes History



Firm friends—and 9½-month-old Charlotte Ball offers to share her food with the Caesarean-born puppies.

Puppies Born After Their Mother Dies

FOURTEEN puppies have been born by Caesarean operation after the mother died, it was revealed last week. Two of the puppies are still alive.

THE PERFECT BUTLER WASN'T SO PERFECT!

London. A MAN recently deported from the United States was sentenced to seven years in gaol last week for a robbery staged while he posed as the perfect butler.

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"I have done for some of the best families," he told Horton when he applied for the job.

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Eleven days later he left the Colonel with £9,800 of Horton's cash and jewels. He went to the United States, where he married. He was arrested a month ago.

His record includes rape, wounding, robbery with violence, and fraud for a total of more than 100 crimes. He also twice escaped from Broadmoor, a prison for the criminally insane.

It was there, as drummer with the inmates band, he earned his nickname "The Mad Drummer." —U. P. I.

Indulgence

Eastbourne. THE city medical officer said the only case of food poisoning here last year involved a party of health officials.

They "indulged in oysters found to be of doubtful origin," he said. —U. P. I.

RAT-CATCHER ORDERED AFTER THE GLIS-GLIS

London. The local rat-catcher was ordered to catch the glis-glis who ate the cuffs off a councillor's pants.

The cuffs apparently tasted fine to the glis-glis. They didn't just nibble—they gobble them down in large mouthfuls.

This is probably the first time puppies born three days before they were due have been saved and reared, said their owner, Mrs Sheila Ball, of London Road, Leicester.

The mother, Heloise of Lisblane, a Pyrenean mountain dog, died three days before she was due to whelp.

Mrs Ball, who owns six Pyreneans and nine cats, told me of the fight for the puppies' lives.

Food problem

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Beagle takes over

"Then a beagle, Sherry, belonging to Mrs. Herrick of Hartley, 30 miles away, took over."

She fed the pups for a week.

Fourth and last mother was Choerul, another beagle belonging to Mrs. Herrick.

Mrs. Harper Trol-Foxlinge, of Hyde Heath, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, one of Britain's leading dog breeders, who first brought the Pyrenean mountain dog to Britain, said yesterday: "In 25 years' experience I have never heard of anything like this!" —U. P. I.

Decapitated

Not long afterward, she was found decapitated, along that same stretch of railway line.

"Her dream is what made me think, please God, that she might have done it in her sleep," Strange said.

Coroner Harold Dale returned a verdict of "suicide" while her mind was "uninformed by ill-health." —U. P. I.

Had Not Paid Her Bill For 300 Years

Usk, Wales. THE sad saga of beautiful, unhappy ghost came to an end here last week when a spiritualist claimed he had kicked her out of the inn she had haunted for 300 years.

Some ten persons, including newsmen, listened while spiritualist Llewellyn Williams told the beautiful belle of the 17th century that she was finally being tossed out of room three of the 600-year-old Cross Keys Inn in Wales.

Roland Hoffman, host of the inn, said the beautiful ghost had to go because she kept opening and shutting her bedroom door in the dead of night and had not paid the bill for three hundred years.

The Father

According to spiritualist Williams, the beautiful ghost's father locked her up in the room because he disapproved of her choice of husband.

He said the lady who became the ghost could not stand the solitude and put an end to it all with a dose of herbal poison.

But according to Williams, her end was just the beginning of 300 years of resident ghost at the Cross Keys.

The habit of opening the bedroom door anytime anyone passed scared the staff and guests of the ancient hostelry.

Williams had to go into a trance to get rid of her. During the hour, he was under the trance Williams claimed he was under the control of "Doctor Phillip Hammond." His recipe for removing the beautiful ghost was very simple.

'Go Back'

"Go from here," he said, "why annoy these people by opening and closing the doors all the time? Go back to your own people and leave this place alone."

Then Williams snapped out of his trance to announce the beautiful ghost had taken the hint and left.

"There will be no more trouble here. If the doctor has sent her back to her own people, she will not come back again," he claimed.

Later that night the door of room three was still closed and there was no sign of the return of the Cross Key's beautiful but non-paying guest.

UNWANTED CARS JAM STREETS

New York. EVERY year at this time, about 100 New York motorists a week park their cars, remove the licence plates, walk away and never return.

This seasonal phenomenon just reached a record figure with 865 abandoned or unclaimed stolen cars crowding the Police Department's three garages and 100 more jamming the streets.

Police Commissioner James Kennedy has made a special plea to motorists to turn their unwanted cars over to scrap dealers.

Many motorists choose this season to abandon their cars, said Kennedy, because they are reluctant to pay the high price of winter maintenance on old models.

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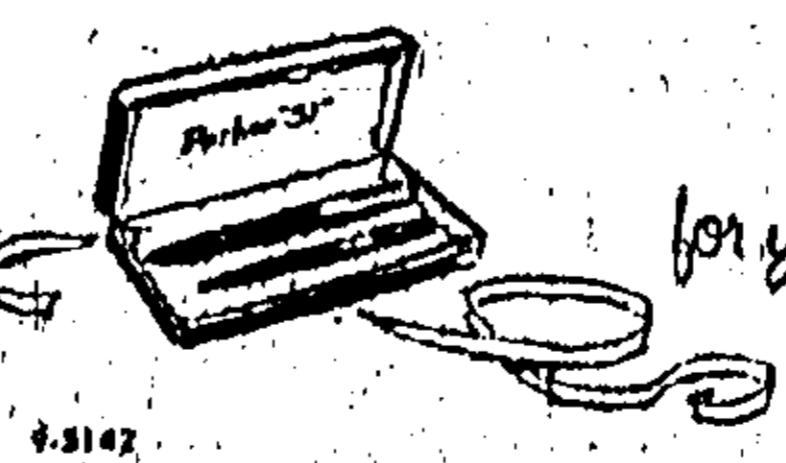
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ABOVE: In London recently: Duncan Renaldo —alias television's "Cisco Kid." He is in Britain on a goodwill mission, in which he will speak to his fans in children's hospitals throughout the country. Cisco Kid television shows are now screened regularly in 23 countries. The films are dubbed into six languages: Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, French and Tagalog.



EXPRESS PHOTOS

RIGHT: Rehearsing in London for the Rodgers and Hammerstein Christmas pantomime "Cinderella"—British rock 'n' roll king Tommy Steele (Buttons) and cabaret singer Yana (Cinderella).



ABOVE: Princess Margaret smiling at a recent charity preview in London of the American musical "West Side Story," which deals with a group of juvenile delinquents in a tough area of New York. The Princess has had a long-playing record of the show's tunes for over a year, and she enjoyed the performance so much that she went backstage immediately after the final curtain and shook hands with the whole cast—the first time she has done so. "I am still out of breath," she told them. "The show was great fun."



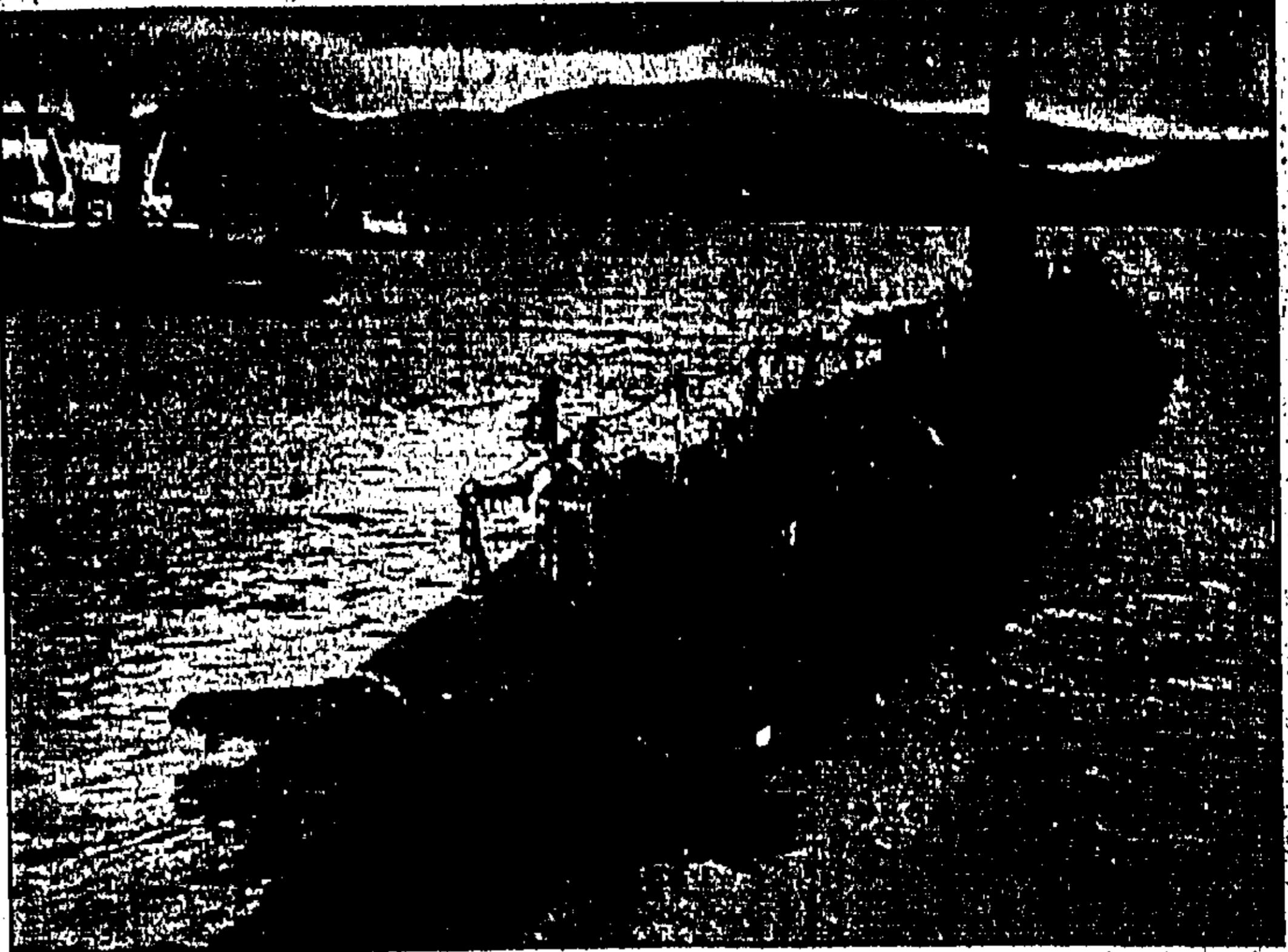
ABOVE: Baroness Thyson, formerly British model Fiona Campbell-Walter, is seen in London with her six-month-old baby Francesca. They were reunited after a two-week separation—Baron and Baroness Thyson had been holidaying for two weeks in Jamaica. From Jamaica they went to New York.



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BELOW: Five young missionaries murdered recently by Indians in the remote jungles of Ecuador probably died because the natives mistook them for a military expedition on the hunt for wives. This is the theory of 45-year-old American naturalist Dean Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard is currently visiting London with his wife Caroline and 14-year-old daughter Pringle, both pictured here with him.



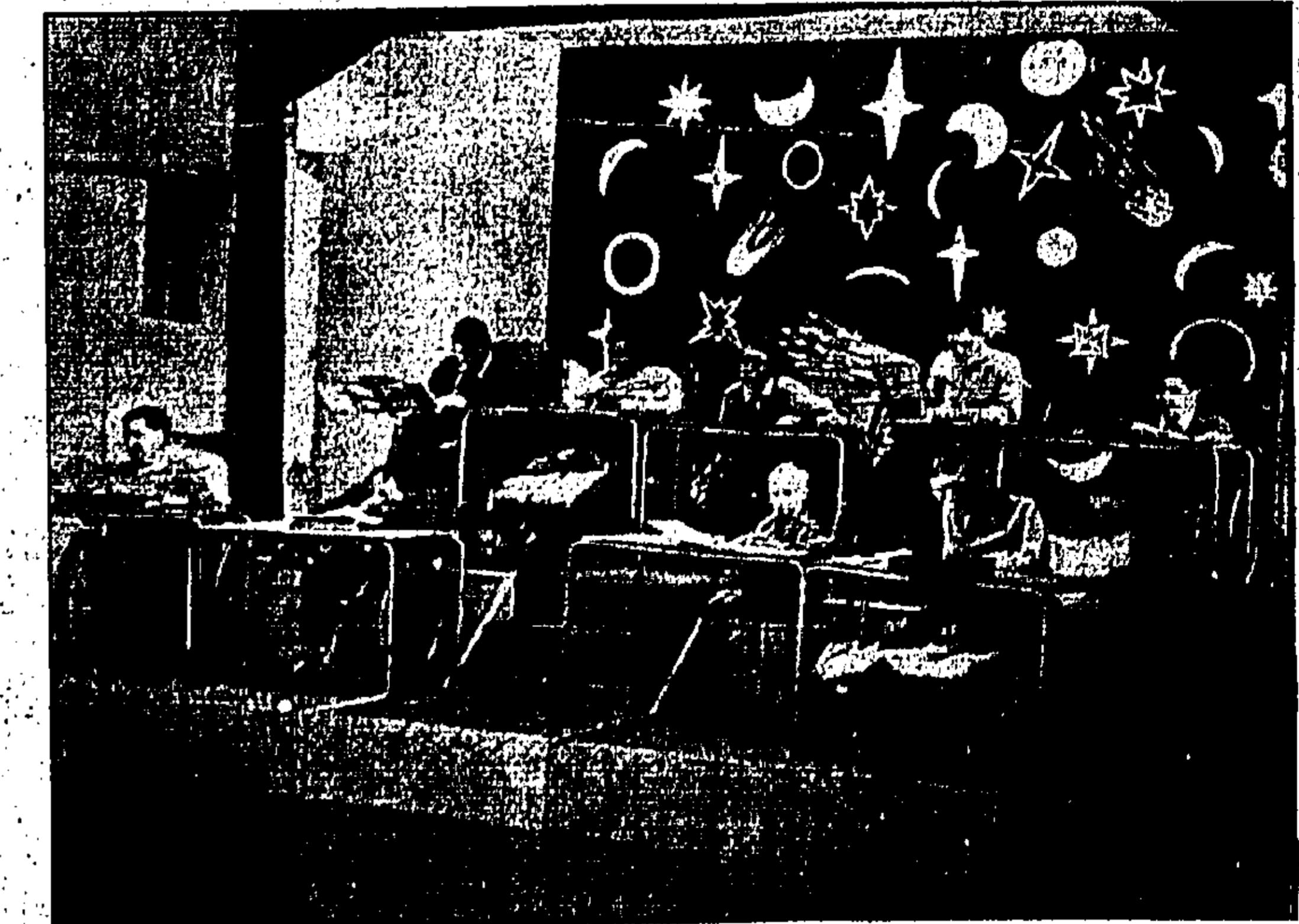
ABOVE: Pakhar Singh, a 21-year-old Sikh, walked, hitch-hiked and cycled the 15,000-mile journey from Malaya to Catterick, England, to enlist as a trooper in the 10th Hussars. But Army regulations insisted that Pakhar Singh would have to shave off his beard and cut his long hair, both of which are required by his religion. As you can see, however, all's well now: the Duke of Gloucester, who is Colonel of the Regiment, has said Pakhar Singh can re-grow his beard and wear a turban.



ABOVE: Britain's Royal Navy captured a new underwater record recently when the submarine Templer was raised from the waters of Loch Striven, Scotland, after being submerged for three-and-a-half years. Immediately a signal was flashed to the Admiralty in London: "Claim new underwater record for Royal Navy. Sub Templer raised. No casualties." No one was surprised at the lack of casualties—the submarine had carried no crew when she was sunk in June 1955. Commanded by Commander Alan Craig of the 3rd Submarine Squadron: "The Royal Navy is very proud of this day. We have captured from America the underwater record for a submarine. After all, 3½ years makes the effort of the U.S. atomic submarine Skate look puny. She could stay under for only 31 days."



LEFT: Popular young German screen actor Horst Buchholz was married recently in London to French actress Miriam Bru. Horst, who is making his first film in Britain, took time out for a registry office ceremony at Caxton Hall. It was a rushed wedding: Horst had difficulty getting away from the studio and Miriam had to buy her own ring.



ABOVE: Nine young sufferers from muscular dystrophy (a fatal, incurable, wasting disease) gave a concert of carols recently in a Dartford, England, hospital, to raise money for a research fund into muscular dystrophy. The singers, all boys aged from 12 to 18, had been practising daily for the past six weeks for the two-hour concert. They raised more than £7 to add to the £200 they have already collected for the fund. Here is a view of the concert.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

ROWNTREES



THE CHOCOLATE THAT'S DIFFERENT

LONDON LETTER

YOUR peregrinating correspondent has returned to his London abode—an event which was greeted with a deep calm by the inhabitants of the world's greatest metropolis. It was a grey, misty day and the first impression was that a coat of paint would have done no harm to old Gotham-on-Thames.

But this time I should have become accustomed to long flights in the air but on the journey from Montreal to the London Airport the wind gods were in a turbulent mood, and there was such a crunching and clipping and sudden calms as made sleep an elusive companion.

At this point I should no doubt declare that somewhere between the aerodrome and St. John's Wood the spell of London fell upon me. But that would not be true. London is not merely a metropolis but a state of mind. Spiritually, mentally and physically the returning pilgrim has to wait until he has been absorbed into the cosmic mass and becomes once more a part of it.

Not even our garden, when we reached home, exerted its usual spell. The great pear tree had died its annual death and the lawn was covered with stricken, colourless leaves.

Our world tour had come to an end. The vibrant internationalism of Hongkong, the lush beauty of Honolulu, the brooding melancholy of Tokyo, the splendor of Kuala Lumpur, the alluring Burmese, and above all, the enchantment of Formosa, were already fading into mere memories. The grey mistress of London-on-Thames was declaring that there must be no other love than hers—and even that would be on terms of the utmost respectability.

Perhaps it was just as well that in our transplanting from the mystic East to the realistic West we visited Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. And who is there foolish enough to say that there is no variety in Canadian life? Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal have almost nothing in common except in language—and even in that sphere Montreal has the immense attraction of bi-lingualism.

If Vancouver does not quite attain the beauty of San Francisco it has a personality that is entirely its own. The tides of the sea are a wondrous thing which cannot be challenged even by the restrained Romanticism of Lake Ontario. What is more the mountain lakes are only a few miles away from Vancouver with all their beauty to go nothing of their charm out. Bursts of ill-temper, Richard Wagner had just such a setting in mind when he wrote that greatest of all tragic operas "Tristan and Isolde."

Even on the golf course in Vancouver one would not be surprised to see Watson or any of the Wagnerian gods carrying a bag of clubs. There is a mysticism that exerts its influence especially on the greens. Never have I missed so many putts that seemed certain to drop into the hole.

Yet there is a restlessness about Vancouver which is strangely at variance with its traditional atmosphere of Sons of Soul. One of my strongest impressions was of fleets of cars, looking like painted destroyers, incessantly rushing to get away from the centre of the city or to get into it. Everyone seemed

to be in a great hurry but I must say that the driving was stillful. It was only on the road links that one found a real sense of leisure—especially the foursome just ahead of us.

No one can deny that the cocktail party is a pleasant diversion and it is a ritual much observed in Vancouver. But if I may mention Wagner for the last time I had a feeling that not even in the ride of the Valkyrie is there anything more impressive than the volume of sound at a cocktail party as it reaches its climax.

It only needed Sir Thomas Beecham to conduct it and the effect would have been complete.

The happiest memory of our visit to Vancouver was one that paradoxically was tinged with sadness. It was when we visited the Children's Village Hospital which was opened a short time ago by Princess Margaret. She bears her name—the culmination of Dr. Haffield's dream. The selfless dedication of nurses and doctors is something that humbles and inspires the human spirit.

Here were youngsters in bed who would normally be playing in the sunshine, now spending the long day and the longer night in cots, or beds. But such is the humanitarianism and understanding of the staff that one came away from the hospital with a sense of happiness and not of sorrow. We had seen more smiles and heard more laughter than anywhere on our thousands of miles of travel. But when the traveller must be on his way, and Toronto was calling us even if Toronto was unaware of that fact. So, in due course we adjusted our belts, the giant engines purred into life and we crossed over the mountains that guard Vancouver from the infringement of the East. At least I suppose those mounds that we saw from our lofty height were mountains.

What are these tiny little squares way down below us? They must be the prairies even though they look like checker boards in a child's nursery. But that is the anti-climax of flying. Mountains are less than molehills as seen from the aeroplane in flight. And when you come down at the aerodrome which is labelled Toronto or Montreal it

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means a European capital set in the soil of Canada? It is not merely that French is heard everywhere or that motorists drive with an elan that makes mere survival an adventure. Nor is it the quaint numbering of the houses where No. 38 and No. 40 are apt to be followed by 3312 and 3314. Perhaps it is because in Montreal's chief street there is a university where even undergraduates can be seen practising for the coming Rugby match. Montreal has retained the art of leisure and a sense of timelessness.

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Or perhaps it is because in the most admirable hotel where I stayed, there are flaxen-haired Hungarian servants who perform their duties as if the clients are archdukes complete with their archduchesses. One has only to enter the hotel to be in Europe.

Is Montreal what it is because the ships come there to rest after their voyage across the sea? Is it that two languages are richer than one? Or perhaps it is the genius of the Roman Catholic Church which does not confine its influence to the Sabbath Day but permeates the life of the people throughout each day of the year.

Now it is time to leave for the airport. Soon we shall be airborne over the vast Atlantic, lurching and crunching with the vagaries of the winds that resent this lonely bird with the giant wings. Formosa seems a long, long way off. Tokyo is a memory that is already dim. Honolulu has faded like a flower that has lived its time. Yet there is one impression which does not dwindle but grows in my mind.

The Western world cannot afford to be mere spectators of the Far East drama. Every instinct convinces me that Japan is playing a waiting game. Do not imagine that the Japanese have forgotten the atom bomb that brought horror and mutilation to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Japanese will tell you that people are still dying a lingering death from the effects of those two bombs.

What is there about Montreal that defies geography and reduces us even if Toronto was unaware of that fact. So, in due course we adjusted our belts, the giant engines purred into life and we crossed over the mountains that guard Vancouver from the infringement of the East. At least I suppose those mounds that we saw from our lofty height were mountains.

What are these tiny little squares way down below us?

Science Steps In To Help That Dinner Along

HOW GOES IT WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS TURKEY?

A Report By

Ramsden Greig

THERE was a time when the turkey had its own sweet old-fashioned ideas on breeding. Now, however, the subject is largely in the hands of the scientists. And today they are not so much reared as processed.

If the turkey itself is unaware of any advantages in the modern methods of breeding, the turkey-eating public is.

Among the advantages are:

Fresh turkeys are now available all the year round; there is more meat in the places you want it; they are healthier, and tastier.

Talking turkey to me recently at his farm in Chesham, Bucks, was Major A. M. Melville.

Quiet life

Twenty years ago Major Melville quit a high executive post in industry for the quieter life down on a farm. The sober City girl has now given way to Harris' down and a despatcher hat.

Twenty years ago Major Melville's farm stock included a hundred-odd turkeys. Today he is producing 240,000 birds a year.

Now that is a lot of turkey, and to spread production evenly over the year the major has had to alter drastically the mating habits of his birds.

"A few years ago," he says, "you only got turkey at Christmas because that was the way it suited the birds. Nowadays we despatch them and have them mating all the year round."

For an example of this description Major Melville took me into a brightly lit turkey house.

"The lights," he said, "are on for 16 hours a day. The birds think they are getting 16 hours of daylight. They think, in fact, spring has come."

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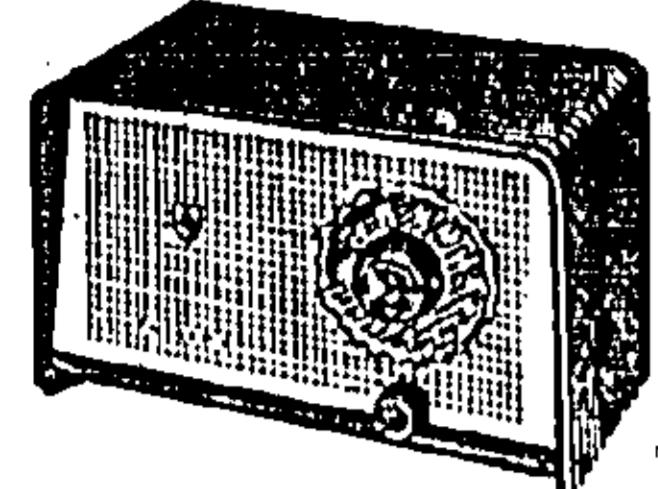
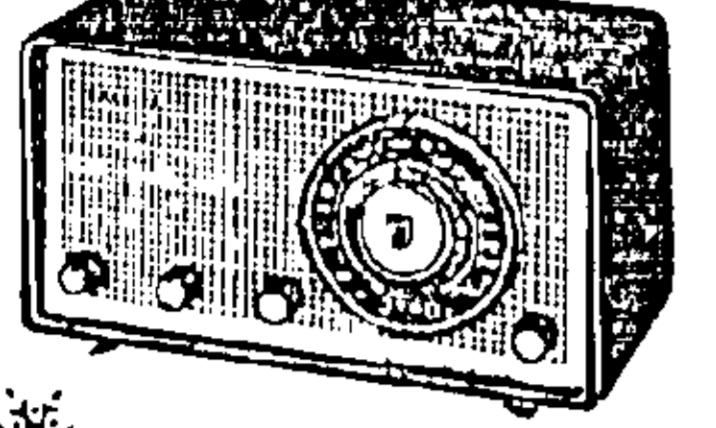
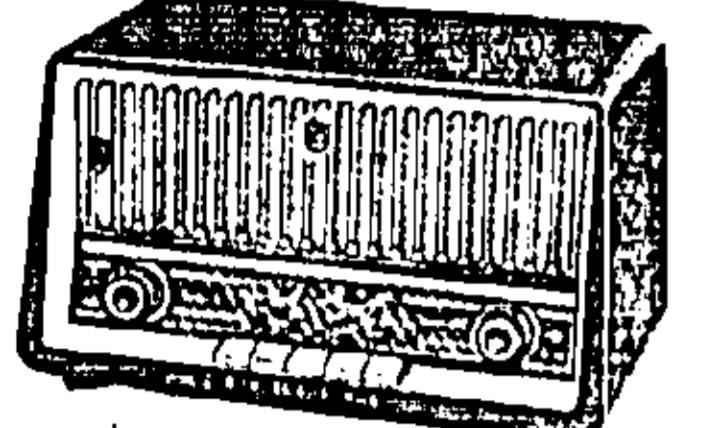
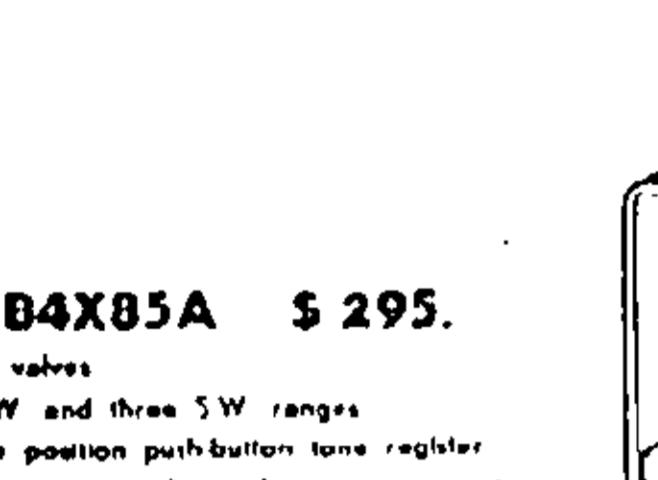
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Gentlemen Of The Press

HONGKONG'S main link with the past lies in the library of the Supreme Court. Heavy volumes of the Colony's first newspapers, of which the China Mail is the sole survivor, contain fascinating accounts of the birth and slow growth of an almost uninhabited and desolate rocky island to the great metropolis it is now. Here is the story of those newspapers—and of the men who ran them under grim and often dangerous conditions . . .

ONE day, early in the year 1834, a huge white-sailed ship winged its way wearily up the Pearl River and anchored before the British factories at Canton. Somewhere, deep in its holds were some very heavy cases, and they took a bit of manhandling to get ashore.

However, after much heaving and groaning they were delivered into a room on the British site, and unpacked.

A touch of oil here, a polish there, a sorting out of type—and the first British paper was waiting to be set.

If John Slede had a job to get his printing materials, he had plenty of news, for those were high times. It would seem he was both type-setter and editor, although why he found the urge to print a paper at that particular moment, I do not know.

Certainly opinions were divided. The local foreign merchants were fed up to the teeth. Equally fed up were the native merchants. So was Chinese officialdom. And with so many hard-headed equally determined men there was bound to be a bust up.

The results of that flare-up are now a matter of history, and its object seems to have been to form a single purpose among men, hard-headed men, who all considered their own idea the best one.

But this they had in common. They wanted a place where they could trade, and as far as possible make a way of life that while conforming with local law and customs, was at the same time independent of the varying decisions of the local Viceroy.

Such a place was foreseen by a writer to the Canton Register in 1638.

But once the tumult had died down somewhat, the gentlemen who preferred Canton found voice in print, and loudly mocked the mad idea of Hongkong ever being a trading post. Captain Charles Elliot R.N. who went through to Macao to get the British merchants to set aside their doubts and take a chance in Hongkong, was greeted with the following—Canton Press, May 15th 1841. "We are happy to announce to our readers that the new settlement progresses in a most surprising manner. The site of the principal town has been selected with the judgment which is characteristic of the English authorities in China: and we may mention as proof that every street will be perfectly sheltered from the south wind, which will be an immense comfort during the approaching hot season. There are abundant supplies of grain and cold water, and we need not point out the facility with which provisions can be obtained from Macao and Canton. A street (Queen's Road) on a plastic scale is already far advanced leading from an intended public office to a contemplated public thoroughfare; and we now require only houses, inhabitants, and commerce to make this settlement one of the most valuable of our possessions."

This heavy sarcasm did not stop the drift to Hongkong, however, although the events of the year 1841, which included a typhoon which wrecked every building in the new settlement drove a few weaker settlers away.

At about this time the first Hongkong press was produced. A four-page Government Gazette was published at half-monthly periods. But even with no deadline to beat, and no telephone to worry him, the editor of this modest publication was not slow in getting to the first proclamations of a British paper in Hongkong. On March 17th, 1842, the Friend of China started up as a weekly paper.

Unfortunately, the looting in the Colony during the Japanese Occupation has hidden the first complete issue, carried by the China Mail. Nevertheless, sufficient remains to tell of that side of Colony life outside official circles, to give us a fairly clear picture of what old Hongkong was like.

On March 23rd, 1842, the Friend of China took over the Gazette, and the paper became the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette.

The editors were the Rev. J. L. Schuck and Mr. J. J. White who was later Member of Parliament for Brighton.

The Friend of China did not have it all its own way, however, as the Canton Register did, this in circulation, and on January 1st, 1843, the Eastern Globe came into being.

These were annihilated times, and modern journalism seems both and water stuff compared with the vigorous stuff our for-



THE front pages of Hongkong's first British newspapers. The "Friend of China" first came off the presses on March 17, 1842, but was later merged with an official organ to become the "Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette." The China Mail, the Colony's oldest living link with the past, was born in 1845.

stars poured out. They did not worry about libel, or any trivial matter of that kind. They were a century ahead of the London Daily Mirror and its slogan, "Publish and be damned."

Now, reading between the lines, and that is all we can do with the long-winded details they write, it is evident that strong differences existed in early Hongkong circles.

The Navy, as ever, imagined Hongkong existed merely to harbour their ships. The Army, on the other hand, looked upon Hongkong as somewhere to erect camps and batteries.

The merchants had not lost sight of the first notion, that Hongkong be somewhere to trade.

Over and above all these was the first Hongkong Government, and officialdom came down heavily on the side of the Navy and the Military. The original row seems to have been about the first Government land sales along the proposed Queen's Road. The merchants were exasperated at Government's decision to throw up certain lots for sale, along with the condition that Government could take them back and award other lots if it so suited Government's purpose.

However, when the case came before a jury, they found that Mr. Cairns was "a very inoffensive man, and one who, as an editor, seldom had come to extremes or suffered gall to mingle with his ink."

This case which came on in 1847 was the prelude to many, and usually you find the people along with the press, when press versus official circles was the issue.

In the same year, 1847, the China Mail was in trouble. The change was merely a technical one in that the China Mail had failed to conform with Ordinance No. 2 of 1846 by "having removed its printing establishment two years before from one place to another, without communicating the fact to the authorities."

The China Mail did not take this lying down, and supposed the prosecution to have something at the bottom of it as "Mr. Shortridge had made himself rather conspicuous some time before in the matter of some revelations concerning the police."

Whatever these revelations might have been, the case was quashed when it reached the criminal session stage, the Crown Prosecutor doing vaguely that he refused to give himself to such vexatious proceedings. This did not suit the China Mail.

"We regret that the prosecution had not been suffered to take its course, as to have had an opportunity of exposing its whole history."

However, in spite of this strong feeling between the early guardians of the constitution and the general populace, the Colony progressed, and in 1848, the China Mail was born.

The other early papers have died away, so the China Mail is the only living link with the Colony's first days.

On February 20, 1848, the China Mail appeared, proudly displaying in bold print on its title page: "Government Notification—it is hereby notified that from and after the 20th instant (February, 1848) and until further orders, the China Mail is to be considered the official organ of all Government notices."

However, this banner carrying a crowd down to task, Mr. Shortridge was the first daily paper. A Mr. G. M. Hilder started up the Daily Press in 1852. Although a small paper it pioneered the way so that the China Mail became a daily paper soon afterwards.

The same year saw bitter feuds in Hongkong, waged in and out of the press.

June 23, 1857, found the editor of the Friend of China

awarded \$1,010 against Cheong Ahum.

This particular case seems so fantastic, so fictional, that it reads like a plot of a "penny dreadful."

Cheong Ahum was the proprietor of the principal bakery in Hongkong. On January 15, 1857, an awful attempt was made to poison the whole foreign community. About ten pounds of arsenic was mixed in with a batch of dough baked on Cheong Ahum's premises.

It was deduced that Cheong was cognizant to the fact because he made a rapid departure for Macao the same morning after setting some of his outstanding bills.

The Macao Authorities handed him over, however, and he with nine others stood trial. The jury found him "not guilty."

The next thing he did was to publish a list of the subscribers in the columns of the Friend of China.

Neither did this fine deter him. He continued to attack Dr. Bridges and later the colonel of his paper. The infuriated Dr. Bridges commenced proceedings to have the scandalous Friend of China brought to book again.

However, even Mr. Tarrant realized he had gone a bit too far this time. He apologized, and the case against him was dropped.

(Continued next week)

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm pretty suspicious, Mom! All Dad's been talking about is how tickled he used to be as a kid when he got clothes for Christmas!"

The Ghost of Cashen's Gap

THIS is the traditional time of the year for sitting by the fire and telling ghost stories. This story is remembered by many people and possibly ranks as the strangest ghost story ever told.....

The haunting of Cashen's Gap began in the winter of 1931. Farmer James Irving was sitting with his wife in their lonely cottage 750 ft. up Dalby Mountain on the west coast of the Isle of Man, where they had lived peacefully and quietly for 14 years. Their 18-year-old daughter Voirrey (Manx for Mary) was in bed upstairs.

Then, "Tap, Tap, Tap." The noise came from the attic which was boarded in. "Must be mice," said the farmer to his wife.

Next day he opened up the ceiling and went into the attic. He found no mice but he did find a little wood carving that had been missing. When dropped on the floor it produced the sort of tap that he had heard the previous night.

That evening the sounds came again. Louder. Then came a running noise. "That's no mouse," said Mr Irving to his wife.

Yet Mr Irving was known as a healthy, educated man. Mr Charles Northwood, a retired cotton broker and a friend of the Irvings' for many years, dashed to the Island to clear up the business.

Then in succession came animal sounds, barks, growls, spitting and hissing, a thump that set pictures on the walls swinging, a noise like a baby starting to talk, more barks and silence.

Mr Irving waited. Nothing happened. He looked at his wife, then made a barking sound himself. Back came a bark. Mr Irving meowed. Back came a meow.

And according to Mr Irving the Dalby spook, came to Cashen's Gap. The story was to become stranger still.

The "thing" next began to imitate Mr Irving's voice. And in a matter of weeks was talking like a human, talking in a high-pitched screech.

"What in the name of Heaven can he be?" demanded the frightened farmer. "What in the name of Heaven can he be?" came back the shrill shrieking screech from the walls.

Then it answered the question: "I am a ghost in the form of a weasel and I shall haunt you with weird noises and clanking chains." There was a noise like metal clanking.

"If you are kind to me I will bring you good luck. If you are not kind I shall kill all your poultry. I can get them wherever you put them. I am not evil. I could be if I wanted. You don't know what damage or harm I could do if I were roused. I could kill you all if I liked but I won't."

And to prove it, the self-described ghost in the form of a weasel began to throw things. Gravel was hurled at the windows from outside. Things were pitched across the rooms indoors.



On the Dalby Mountain in the Isle of Man, a lonely cottage suddenly became haunted. But by what? According to the "ghost" itself, it was a mongoose from Delhi. Whatever it was, it started one of the most amazing ghost-hunts ever recorded.

The farmer put down rat poison and the animal screamed and shook the house with great bumps. He hunted him with a gun and found nothing. The job was difficult because the house had double walls to guard against draughts and heat. There were spaces between the walls and it was from these spaces that the voice generally came.

By now the farmer's story of the strange happenings at Cashen's Gap had spread. The first reaction was the obvious one. That the Irvings must be going mad.

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Irving was becoming attached to Gef, and told him about it. "Oh, I know all about that," Gef replied. "It's under bus 81." Irving checked. It was!

Stones, some weighing a pound, were thrown at islanders from nowhere. They blamed Gef.

Now Gef told Irving that he was a mongoose, born on June 7, 1852, and came from Delhi.

When he opened a letter: "Read it out you fat-headed grime," Irving said. Gef told him: "Thou will never know what I am. I am a freak. I have hands and feet. And if you saw me you would be paralysed, paralysed, nummified, turned into a pillar of salt. I am the fifth dimension. I am the eighth wonder of the world. I can split the atom."

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DEAR SANTA...

SANTA CLAUS is a slickly-operating bureau in Denmark.

A "delighted-to-have-your-letter" department which brings a warm word every Christmas to children all over the world.

The department is staffed by three dozen school-children. A Scandinavian airline provides the envelopes and stamps.

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It all started in 1948 in the Greenland Department of the Cofet Post Office in Copenhagen, where a young girl called Gerda Staurung was busily sorting out Christmas mail.

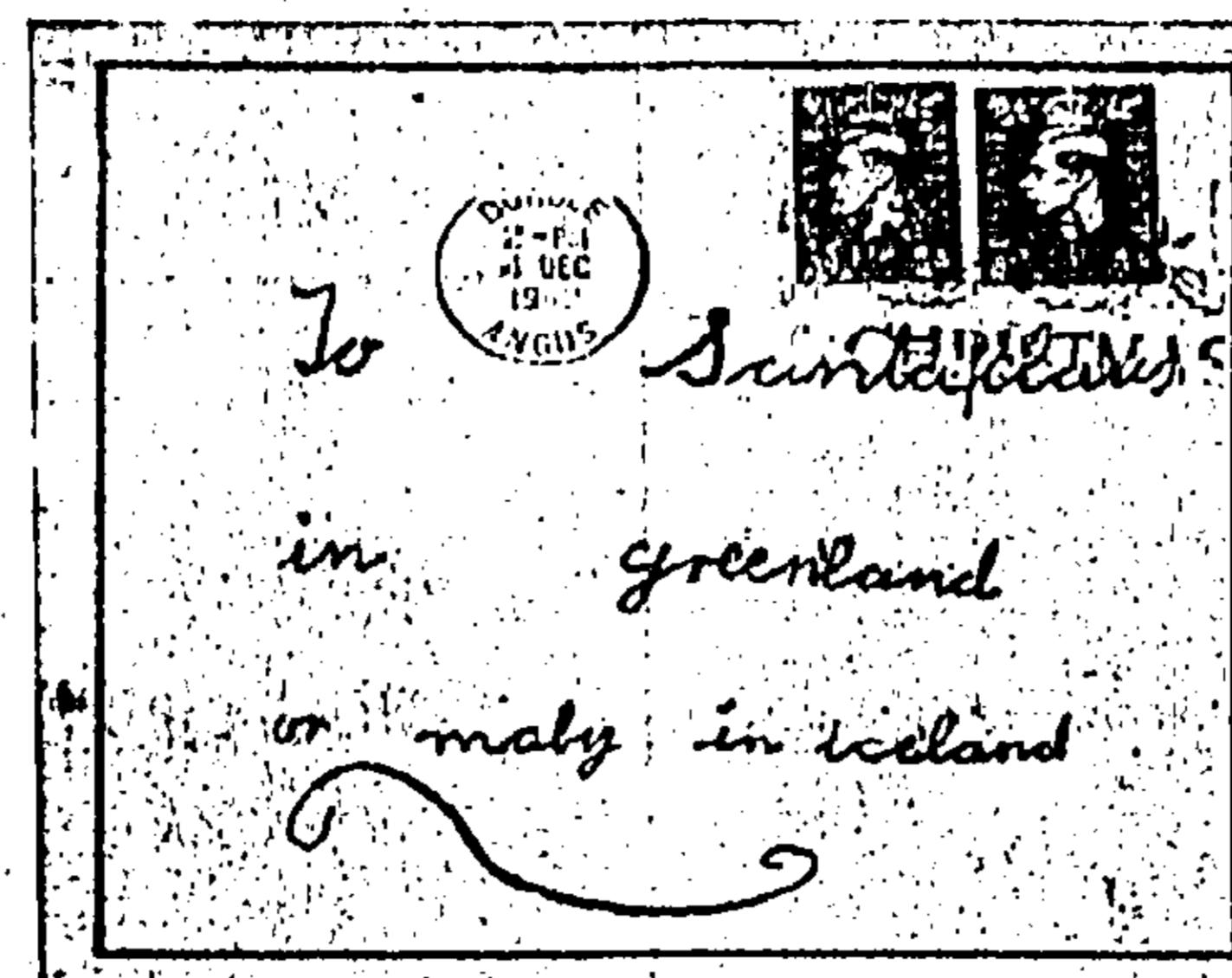
Suddenly, she turned up a letter addressed to "Mr Santa Claus, Greenland." She put it aside. Then came another. And another. Soon there were 20 in all.

Mrs Staurung looked at the letters for a long time. Should she defer them for returning? Instead, she took them home, opened them and replied with Santa's "warmest greetings."

One of her replies reached a little village in East Greenland. It was shown in a local newspaper. The newspaper gave it headlines, the Danish Tourist Association took note—and the scheme was launched.

Over the years, the number of letters multiplied. Last year, there were nearly 40,000.

Dealing with the letters is a much sought-after job among



Every year thousands of children all over the world write to Santa Claus. Often they address their letters to "Fairyland". One little girl in Dundee, Scotland, was not sure—but she was taking no chances. Her letter, you will be glad to know, was safely delivered.

Dear Father Christmas—
"Could you please find a bed in a sunroom for my big sick brother?"

Or this, from Brentwood, in Essex:—
"I don't want a mama dolly or a teddy bear for Christmas. Please could you give my Mum and Daddy a house instead?"

But many of the letters provide a clear (and sometimes startling) insight into the foibles, fears and adorations of the younger generation.

Pat, aged eight, lists her own

requests (for a doll's pram, roller

skates and a teddy-bear to hug) then says:

"My brother would also like someone to hug. He says Marilyn Monroe would do fine, so please see if you could get her for him."

"He is 21, and he says that he would not need another Xmas present if it gets Marilyn."

From Karl, in West Germany:

"I want a train, a jeep and a dog that talks. P.S. If you

need sum money, just take it out of my dad's pants pocket. He's a captain and is loaded."

Many letters tempt Santa with

food and drink, like that of

David's, aged six, of Birkenhead:

"I will leave you some coffee, a cake and a sugar lump for Rudolph."

Even Mrs Santa is catered for:

"If you bring your wife, please tell me then I can put two lots of hot chocolate."

Some letters are faintly sickening like the request of one six-year-old who asks for a "bulldozer, a cement mixer and some Egyptian mummy books."

Others are plainly threatening:

"Dear Santa Claus—
"I would like a nèrgun, sum bulets and a target. I no you are a kind man, but if you don't bring them I will by them my-

self when older and wate for you at the chimney."

Some children are worried about Santa's travelling powers. Margaret, "c/o British Consulate-General, Haifa," reminds Santa that he will have to get a visa to visit her home.

Is there a reported note in the letter from Kenneth, of Water Street, Middleton (England) who, discreetly reminding Santa of the name above the local toyshop, adds:

"Could you send a dummy for my brother and sum soap for my dirty face?"

But the children generally keep up with scientific progress. Last year, it was rockets and aeroplanes. This year, it will undoubtedly be sputniks and guided missiles.

Even so, the most popular requests from the youngest are for "a napple, a noring and sun sweets" and from the older toy construction outfit.

Also much appreciated are cowboy and policeman sets, lorries, toy trains and airfields, and something called "a outfit."

Books and clothing are rarely mentioned.

The record for brevity must go to Lella, of Sheffield, who requests (perhaps after a child): "Ples cood I hev a new daddy."

And the record for optimism to Wallace, of East London, who demands a "grate big station in Ostralia so I can use my al-

lert."

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"Dear Santa Claus—
"I was delighted to have your letter which reached me in my country, Denmark, of which

Greenland is a part.

"If you are very good, I be-

lieve you will have your Christ-

mas wishes fulfilled.



Thousands of letters to Santa Claus are redirected to a department of the Danish Post Office in Copenhagen. Here a new batch is being delivered. Last year, nearly 40,000 letters arrived, and each one was answered individually.

In any case, I am sure you will be pleased to receive one of the fairy tales written by our Danish story-teller, Hans Christian Andersen...

And so on, into the fairy tale. Thank-you notes are fairly common:

"Dere Santa—
"Men thank you for a big red book an for the bloons an choklits and most of all for Reindeerland."

Whatever the address, postmen in Britain and in many Commonwealth countries, know where to forward them to Copenhagen, whether or not the postage is adequate.

And back comes the reply, printed in a wobbly blue hand:

"Dear Little Friend,
"I was delighted to have your letter which reached me in my country, Denmark, of which

Greenland is a part.

"If you are very good, I believe you will have your Christ-

mas wishes fulfilled.

But then, it all seems worth while when a letter like that of Brian's (Glasgow) comes. Into the crowded sorting-room,

"My frans dint belay in you letter come. Now they do and Mummy and Daddy do too now."

"Thank you very very much Santa Claus."

JOHN CLARKE FINDS A STORY AWAY FROM THE TEST

BRISBANE.

HE was ebony black, a husky 11 st. 10 lb., one inch over five feet tall, a square man, all shoulders and grin.

He wore a blue, peaked pilbox hat and dark blue uniform over which scarlet bald ran riot.

He was an Aboriginal Black Tracker, 31 years old and in police employ.

"And what's your name?" I asked him. "Cecil," he answered.

Black Trackers have been in the news here lately. They have been used in a long dramatic murder hunt in the South Australian bush.

Paternal

So I asked Inspector Harry Reinke of the Queensland police if I could meet one. He produced Cecil.

Reinke has come into town recently after being Protector of Aboriginals up in the distant north.

He is one of those friendly, trustworthy men whom you find up and down the Empire as District Commissioners, exercising firm, paternal benevolence over people who have not caught up with the world.

"When Queensland police force started in 1864," Reinke said, "we had 170 white men

I meet a man who doesn't miss a thing

BLACK TRACKERS HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS HERE LATELY... SO I TRACK DOWN ONE OF THEM

Diet of -snakes

"These Black Trackers can

see things white people would always miss," said Reinke. "A quite small stone turned up the

and 102 native troopers in the wrong way, a bent leaf, can put them on the track. You or I would not see any mark, but they would."

"They serve a most useful purpose, but the real old ones are dying out. It seems that when they eat the willow man's food they begin to lose their wonderful eyesight."

"When they are on their own eating guanas (a lizard-like animal about the size of a hedgehog) and snakes and wild pig, which they hunt, they are all right."

He called Cecil, who had been sitting outside the open office door staring into space, or perhaps tracking flies climbing up the verandah wall.

Introductions were made. A crushing handshake, broad beaming grin.

"In the bush," said Reinke,

he'd not wear these clothes, but khaki slacks and khaki blouse. But with plenty of red braid on them. They love the braid, that's right. Isn't it, Cecil?"

"That's right," said Cecil, who is a bachelor and Church of England, and lives on his own in a hut in the grounds of a suburban mounted police depot.

"Hut's 'bout as high as this desk," said Cecil. If so, he could only have lain down in it.

Outside the hut he did his own cooking on a government-provided stove, buying his own food from a government allowance.

"Corned beef and just beef mostly," he said.

Cecil has travelled more than many of the guests in Brisbane's swank Lennox Hotel. When a call came from the New Guinea police for Black Tracker aid, he and another Tracker were flown there to help search for a suspect.

"Airplane was nice. I wasn't sick, but cold."

After a two-week hunt the Trackers decided their country must have been eaten by crocodiles and blanched the local police boys for messin' up tracks.

Cecil's duties have included searching for survivors from airplane crashes in the rugged mountains of the New South Wales border, tracking a woman who had "gone bush," and finding lost children.

Aborigines now live in settlements run by the government or churches, but occasionally wanderlust seizes them and they bid civilisation farewell to go on hunting trips called walkabouts.

Like beef?

"You been on walkabouts?" asked Reinke. Cecil gave him a look which said he would not dream of doing any such thing. Though there was something about his rolling black eyes that suggested he would not mind trying.

When his three-weeks-a-year leave comes round Cecil goes to stay with an aunt at a settlement called Woorabinda in Central Queensland. There he can get proper "tucker"—carpet snakes 12 feet long and guanas.

"Taste sum like beef, but better," said Cecil. "You roast them in hot ashes."

On holidays he spends his spare time fishing. Here in town he spends it carving walking sticks and boomerangs, smoking (20 a week), and going to the cinema where his favourites are Westerns and Abbott and Costello.

His name

His pay is £5.14s a fortnight with a similar sum banked for him against old age.

"I've known quite a lot of these chaps who have as much as £1,000 in pounds in the bank," said Reinke.

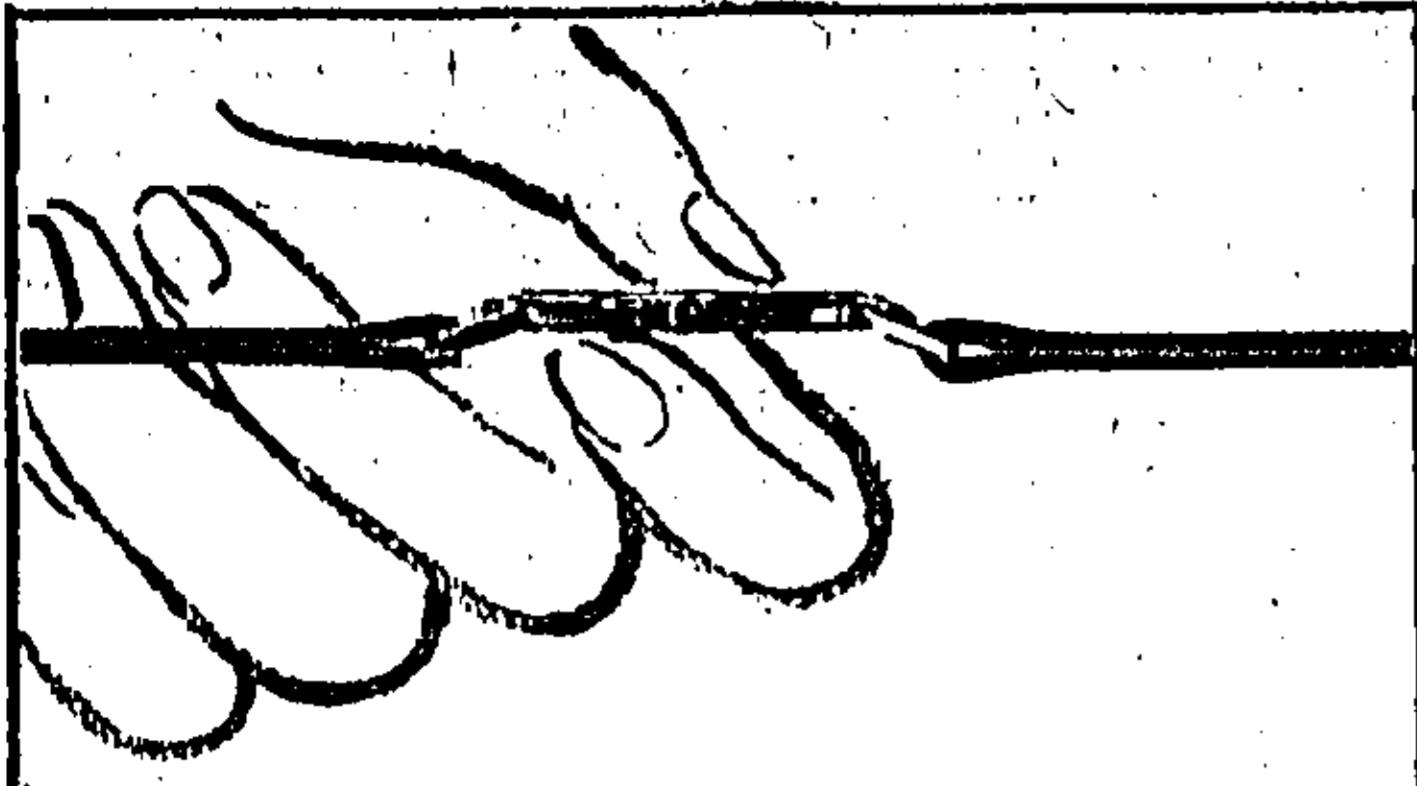
"How did you get your name?" I asked Cecil Garvey.

"My mother and father gave it me," he said.

Reinke concluded that Aboriginals are really too numerous of people, that was why

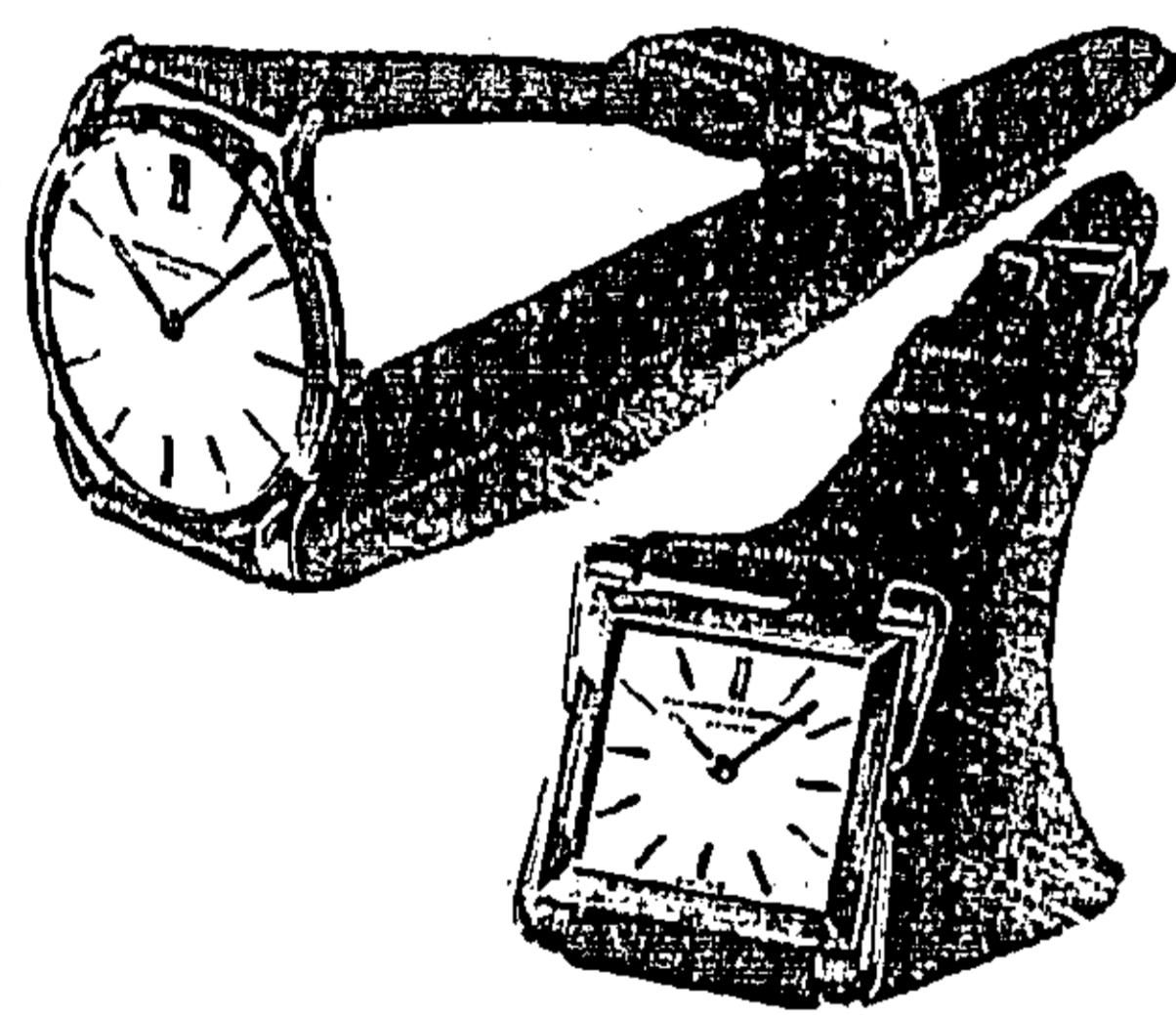
DARTWORDS START HERE

The first word in Dartwords today is SHOEMAKERS and the last is WHISTLE. In the middle of the circle, puzzle, is the word to start in such a way that the relationships between the words and the word to be found are governed by one of the rules of the game. It may be an anagram of the word that pre-cedes it. (2) It may be a synonym of the word that follows it. (3) It may be found by adding one letter to or taking one letter from or changing one letter in the preceding word. (4) It may be associated with the preceding word in a saying, simile, metaphor, or newtive. (5) It may be formed by the joining of two or more words. (6) It may be a word of a well-known saying, or a place name, or a well-known name of a well-known person. (7) It may be a word of a well-known story, or a well-known name of a well-known person. (8) It may be a word of a well-known story, or a well-known name of a well-known person. 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THE TIME THAT THEY NATIONALISED CHRISTMAS...

BY WILLIAM BARKLEY

IF my memory serves me right in my extreme old age it was in the year 1971 that the Tory Government nationalised Father Christmas.

For you, my dear great-grand-daughter, I will put these events in proper order.

It was, I think, in the previous year, 1970, that the Tory Government denationalised the mines, railways, electrical and gas industries and in general the means of production and distribution.

They sold the lot for £5,000 million and this sum gave them a wallop of a hump for their annual Budget.

Bai goom

It was, of course, proposed by Crosland and other economists that this windfall should go to reduce the troublesome National Debt.

But the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Arthur Tiley (Tory, West Bradford), said: "Bai goom, what a soon."

He said in the House that for years the Treasury had been taking capital in death duties and spending it as income and now, bai goom, it was Tory policy to continue the process.

Mr Harold Wilson (Soc., Heyton), very sorry to be late



Chancellor, exclaimed: "Surely the right hon. gentleman is not aware of what he is saying."

"His words if they are accurate would mean that the British taxpayer is not going to pay any taxes at all in this current financial year."

"Bai goom, lad thou'ret reet," responded the Chancellor. "It is a Jubilee. See Leviticus."

Tax free

Someone explained that the proceeds from the sale of these commodities in mines, railways, etc., were roughly the same as the annual yield of taxes and for one year Britain would be tax free.

At such unorthodoxy Mr Wilson passed out.

He passed out in front of Mr Silverman who, in his quavering old voice, was screaming:

"Point of order, point of order, with nobody listening."

And in front of Mr George Wigg, who in another quavering old voice was spying strangers in all directions with nobody noticing.

Finally, the Speaker, Mr George Thomas (Soc., Cardiff West), threw off his full-bottomed wig and, coming down from the Chair, threw the full-bottomed Mr Wigg clean out of the Chamber.

Wiping his hands, he said: "Order, order," and resumed the Chair.

It is a blot on the otherwise splendid career of Mr Tiley at the Treasury that he failed to anticipate what would result from his fixing the date for the operation of the Act at December 1.

On that date the big-hearted British public suddenly found that it had the equivalent of £5,000 million of extra spending money in its pockets with only about 20 shopping days to Christmas.

Old story

The result should have been foreseen by the Chancellor's advisers. It is an old story, but we older people remember. An orgy broke out of Yuletide buying.

Everybody at once bought 20 pairs of socks of the wrong size and sent them off to everybody else. Nobody ordered Christmas presents in less than dozens.

The whole retail trade went haywire on trash to satisfy this market of £5,000 million.

Nobody thought for a moment of buying power stations or steel ingots or useful things like that.

It got to the point where traffic was tangled and brought to a standstill with discarded socks, stockings, gloves, and scarves, all sent by the dozen and none of them fitting.

Sober trade and industry came to a standstill. Consols dropped five points. Unemployment was rampant. Soup kitchens were opened when the National Assistance Board ran out of cash.

Inspired

It was clear even to a Tory Government that something must be done.

Weekend Selection

by Friell



"I suppose General Serov is writing his memoirs now like so many of our dear Western generals!"



"In case of trouble you press the first button to call the police, and the other button to send the rocket up."

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"This must be where our butcher gets his meat. It's about the same price per pound."

Ministers showed the strain. A weary President of the Board of Trade, Mr Cyril Osborne (Tory, Louth), said: "We must stop the Christmas trade."

How? It seemed hopeless. But the darkest hour is ever before the dawn. A light of inspiration wrapped the serene brow of the Grand Old Man.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rab Butler, opened his lips. He did more. He spoke — just two words: "Nationalise it," he said.

A Board

A murmur of approval ran round the Cabinet table. The wise old owl jingling his keys added: "Nationalisation has never failed yet. Huh! Huh! Huh!"

Accordingly a Bill was introduced to that effect in one clause. This proved too simple.

Mr Herbert Morrison (Soc., South Lewisham) said he had some experience and the thing to do was to set up a Father Christmas Board.

This would issue statutory instruments limiting Christmas cards to one formula and licensing people for the purchase of Christmas presents which could be reduced to two or perhaps three types.

He did not think that the Board need employ more than 15,000 or, say, 20,000 civil servants, but we should remember that civil servants were very deserving people. However, he was personally opposed to the whole idea.

At this point Mr Tiley said all he had a new idea. He moved to delete everything after the word "that" in order to insert that at Christmas.

Perhaps I am an old grumpy but I fear that the Socialists will destroy this new peace by winning the forthcoming election on the policy of nationalising Father Christmas.

But, my dear, we must expect changes in this life.

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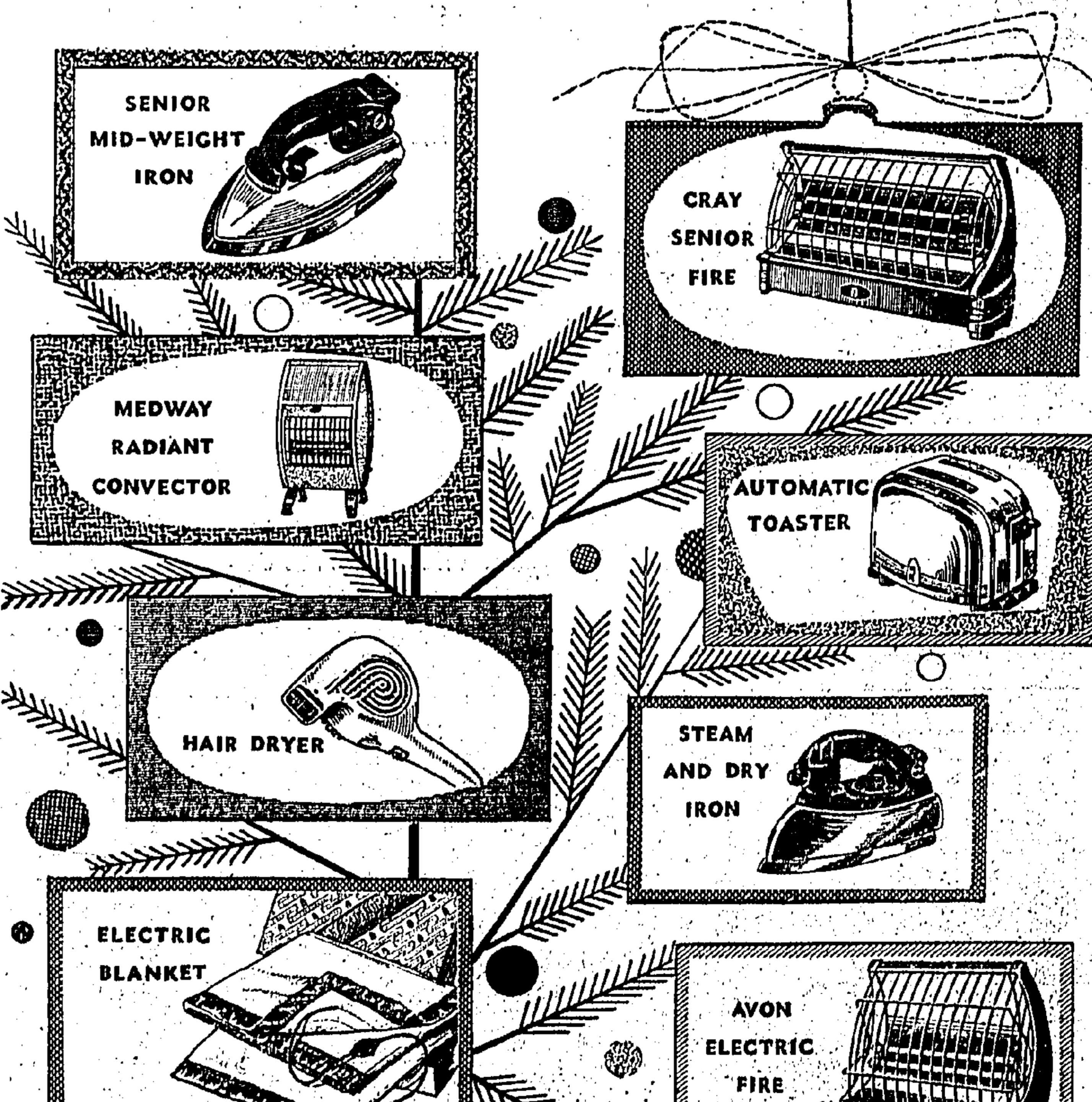
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Now go ahead and make him the Do-It-Yourself way. Like this:

You will need: Head and body, 3-8ths of a yard of yellow felt (or one piece 36ins. by 14ins.). Eyes, a scrap or white plastic, two shiny, black buttons 1in. diameter, with shanks for the pupils. Collar, 12ins. of red plastic binding (if wide for an old belt, with buckle, will do). Nose, piece of black shiny and teeth black silk thread. All parts of plastic or paper. Mouth, kapok for filling.

Cut pattern, pin on to material and cut. The main body parts, ears and feet are cut on double material unless otherwise stated. All parts straight of cloth except ears. Clip into notches.

Match up

QUARTER-INCH hems are allowed on pattern except eyes, nose and collar, which have none.

Take care not to make turnings any wider than 1in. when sewing. Do not stretch all notches, ease in and stretch where necessary to shape.

Join underneath gussets at A, notches together. Pin right sides of body parts together and stitch together and stitch from D to E at tail base.

Pin right side of body legs to right of gusset legs and stitch from E to F, at back of foot. Fasten off, leaving base of foot open.

Start stitching again from G at front of foot and carry on to F, at leave base open.

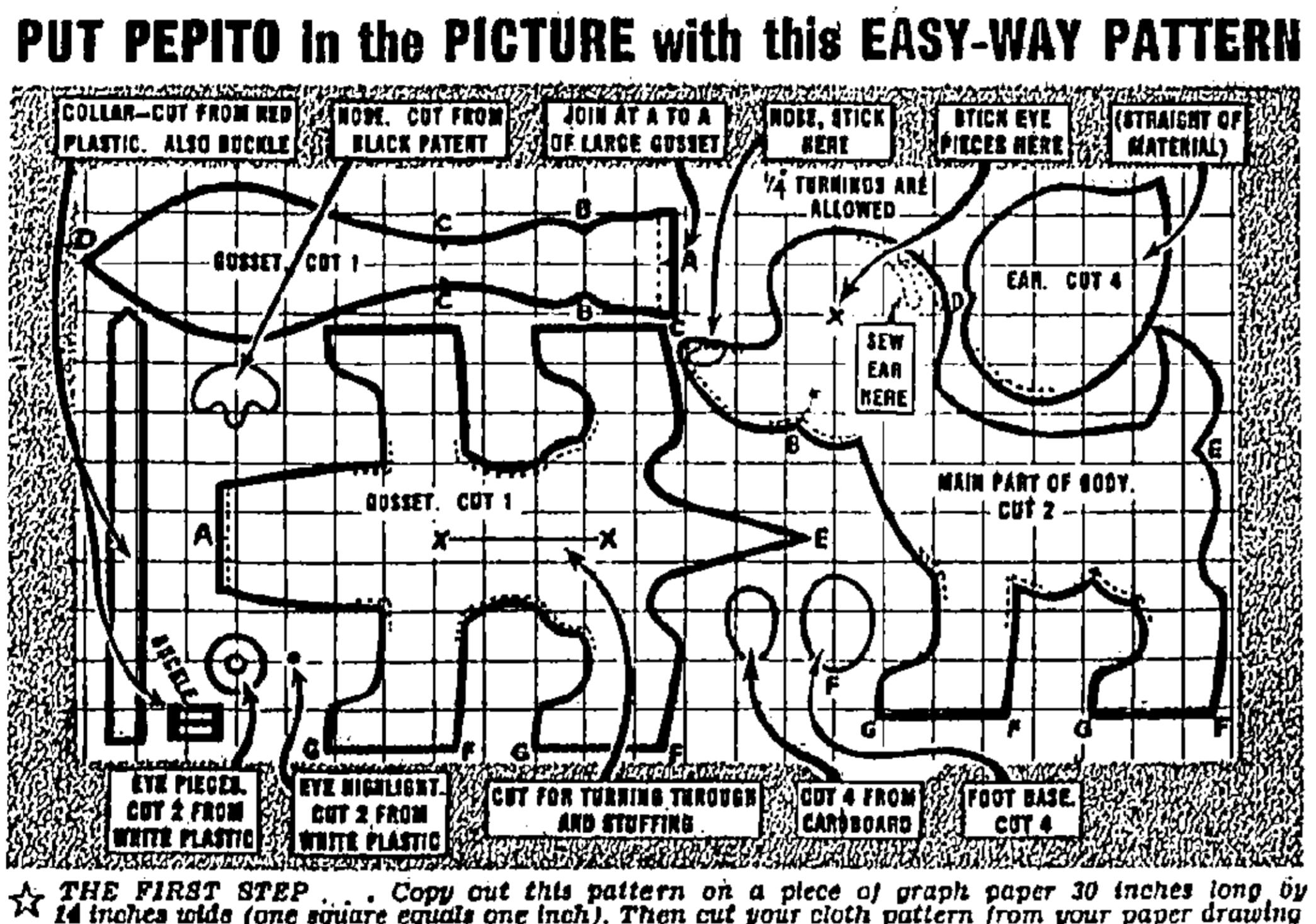
Then stitch from G at front of front foot right round to D, matching perfectly. B of gusset to B of main body. Nose to mouth, G to O at nose tip. (From B to O stretch gusset, easing in slightly body nose parts.)

Pin up

TAKE from machine, 1 pin on side of second body part to side of opposite edge of gusset and repeat process as above, stitching from E to D. Always fasten off stitching at even.

Sew or sew in foot pieces, putting F to F at each foot. Stick round ears, leaving bottoms open for turning them.

Clip into all curved parts and corners to allow for shaping.



THE FIRST STEP. Copy out this pattern on a piece of graph paper 30 inches long by 14 inches wide (one square equals one inch). Then cut your cloth pattern from your paper drawing

then turn through carefully, to right side through. Push out corners to place cardboard foot pieces into feet. Those cardboard pieces are cut to actual size of foot when stitched.

Push filling a little at a time, pressing with a blunt tool. Push down firmly with a pencil. Fill out head, body and tail, packing in as much as possible without straining material.

Pinch out bulges in cheeks. Stick in ears, nose and mouth with a pencil. When Pepito is firm and well shaped, sew up cut under body neatly, by hand.

Sew on eye pieces and nose in correct position with plastic needle, no highlights spot on pupils. When dry, sew eyes in

place, using strong thread and a long darning needle.

Place one button on to turnings and one on to other side of head, thread on second button and push needle back to first button.

Make a small plain at ear base where shown on pattern, and catch on to one of the stitches. Sew ears neatly on to head, at place marked on pattern, with small slip stitches.

Write out Pepito's label and stick on to collar, make ring from paper and stick on to both ears round neck and push both ends through buckle, uniting end on top. Hold in place with a few stitches.

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Pull up

PULL thread fairly tight and tie ends securely. The button should sit tight than holes in eye whites.

With black silk thread, put two big running stitches from E to G at mouth, tying thread neatly at mouth of mouth. Sew three half-inch long stitches at

front of feet for toes, pulling tightly.

Push a strand of thin millinery wire into ears, bending to shape, turn in raw edges and slip stitch.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, you have a sensitive, highly perceptive nature, but you don't want others to realise this. Consequently you cover up by being blunt and combative. In other words, you are too often on the offensive when, in fact, you are using this approach as a method of defence! Make a real effort to change this attitude or you may discover that it blocks your progress toward a speedy success.

The stars have given you exceptional gifts, and if you are cooperative, you will find that you can achieve fine results. Learn to be more direct in your approach to a problem. You often go by the most devious path, rather than in a straight line. Remember, a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

You dislike showing ignorance on anything and will tend to "bluff" it out rather than admit you don't know. You then seek expert advice. Very often, you know, two hands are better than one in solving a problem. You are versatile and can do several things equally well. Diversification makes an interesting life, but specialisation and concentration on one objective at a time often brings the quickest results.

Affectionate by nature, you are not demonstrative and often suppress your real feelings, rather than make a show of them. Cultivate more spontaneity. In this respect and you will find more happiness.

Among those born on this date are: Max Lerner, editor and author; Henry B. M. Watson, British author; Senator John Sparkman, Alabama legislator; Calvert Vaux, landscape artist; Harvey Samuel Firestone, industrialist and pioneer in rubber manufacture.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—A happy, romantic day for Take a short trip today, visiting nearby relatives or close friends, one you love best.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Take in a sports event, this afternoon, and enjoy the change of pace either as spectator or contestant.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Everything should go right today. It's your time each week to anticipate good fortune.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Write an important letter involving your professional future. Say just the right thing, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Enjoy a visit with friends you may not have seen for some time and have fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Attend a concert this afternoon or evening, or listen to some good music at home.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A good day to avoid being ill-patient with anyone. Hold that temper.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—If things don't appear to be progressing as fast as they should, act this day, not your faults.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

BORN today, you are original in thought and action. You like to make plans on the grand scale and your head is usually held high in the clouds. You dream great dreams, but, in addition, you have the rare ability of making most of them come true. You have decided ideas and will stick to them despite all kinds of opposition. You rarely, if ever, seek advice, and when you do, it is usually a tactical manoeuvre. You are a good strategist and know when it is polite to listen to arguments on the other side of the fence. That is not to say that you will ever act upon what you hear!

You have a magnetic personality and are able to influence people, for you appear to do it so effortlessly. Some of your bitterest opponents can be won over by your persuasive arguments. You would make a good defence attorney but would need to believe in your client 100 per cent to defend him. You are interested in affairs of the state but would not make a good machine politician on the local level, for you would refuse to take directions from anybody.

It is important that you keep your ideals high, for you have the power to lead people—and in which direction you lead is of the utmost importance.

You are inclined to be suspicious and must guard against permitting yourself to be influenced in this respect. You tend to worry over trifles. Conquer this trait or it can cause much needless unhappiness.

Among those born on this date are: Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman and author; Albert Payson Terhune, author, famous for his dog stories; Walter Hines Page, editor, author and diplomat; Joseph Stalin, Soviet dictator; Laura Dowey Bridgeman, blind, deaf-mute educator.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—A fun shopping day. A low holiday luxuries are in especially for your festive holiday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—The stars for you now, so make your selections today.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If buying a pet for the children for Christmas, this is a good day to select one.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This can make winter today, so take your time on everything and all goes well with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Wind up your Christmas shopping and get out-of-town cards in the mail. Time is getting short.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Arrange for the pre-Christmas decorating so that the house is beautiful for the holidays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Conditions on the job should show definite improvement. Get



Novel Holiday Recipes Sent From "Down Under"

"OUR Christmas tables here will be especially festive this season," writes Home Economist Del Cartwright, our brilliant young friend in Australia.

"While there will be a white Christmas in the States, summer will be at its loveliest here.

TABLE DECORATIONS

"My dinner table will be laid with green-and-red Italian avon linen. The centrepiece will be of sculptured ice—all

Del Cartwright's Creamed Crab in Toast Cases: Prepare 8 toast cases. White basting, put together the creamed crab filling. Fill the toast cases with the creamed crab. Serve garnished with slices of stuffed olives and minced parsley or paprika.

Toast Cases: Remove the crusts from 8 slices fresh soft bread. Press the bread into well-buttered or margarine shallow muffin pans. Brush the bread with melted butter or margarine. Bake 10 min. in a moderate oven, 375°F., or until golden brown.

CRAVAT

Crab filling: Make 2

medium-thick white sauce. Add 2 lbs. cream and 2 tsp. lemon juice. Stir in the contents 2 (7 oz.) cans crabmeat (shells removed) flaked. Heat and use as directed.

FRESH CRAB

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ABOVE: Some officers of the Grand Lodge of England and the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, E.C., who attended the annual Masonic service at St John's Cathedral last Sunday.

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RIGHT: The annual dinner of the Auxiliary Medical Services was held at St John Ambulance Brigade Island Headquarters, Tai Hong, this week. Seen chatting at the function are Mr Alastair Todd, Defence Secretary (left) and Dr the Hon. D. J. M. MacKenzie, Director of Medical and Health Services.



ABOVE: Mr D. Benson, Chairman of Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, giving a speech during the annual speech day of the Hongkong Jockey Club Primary School last week.



ABOVE: Mrs Ngan Shing-kwan presents a prize to a student at the Clementi Middle School speech day this week. In the centre is Mrs Lee Loung Ying-king, the vice-principal.

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BELOW: A young man encouraged by a smiling Girl Guide, tries his luck at the Toc H Christmas Fete held last Saturday at the Tsimshatsui Kai-fong School.



ABOVE: A carol-singing scene by some of the children entertained by the Y's Men's Club at a party held at the Chinese Methodist Church in Wanchai last Saturday.

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ABOVE: Part of the large gathering at the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce annual charity ball which was held last week at the Paramount Restaurant.

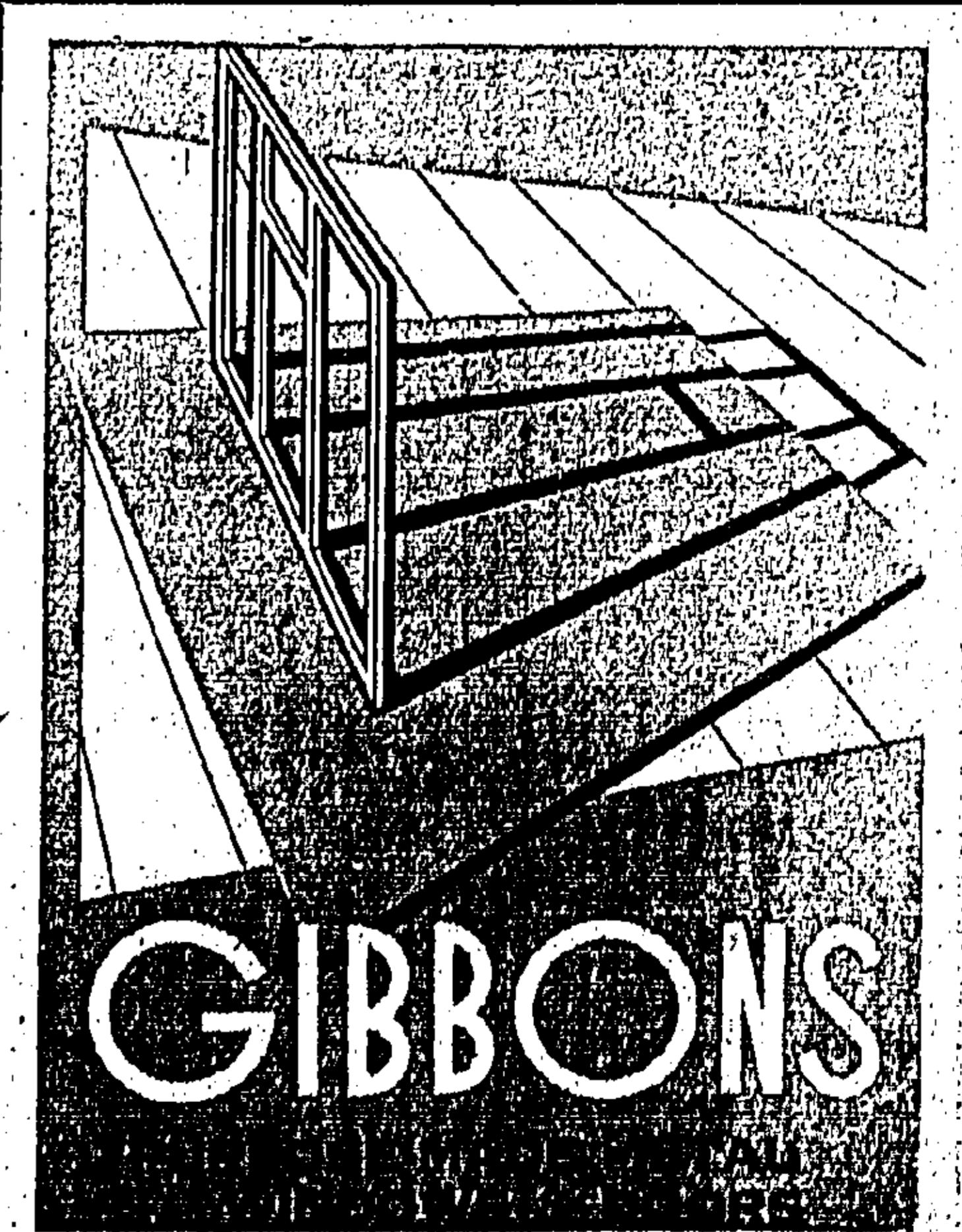
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LEFT: Mr F. T. Molwani helps two young guests to some food during a children's Christmas party given by him at the Hindu Temple on Sunday. Some 200 youngsters, including 32 blind boys and girls, were entertained.



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BELOW: The Latin American Association recently celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St Teresa's Church. At a gathering later in the Church Hall, Father Christmas is soon distributing gifts to the children.



BELOW: Mr and Mrs Wendell S. Merick pose with their attendants shortly after their wedding last Saturday at St Joseph's Church. The bride is the former Mrs Dolores Marie Saint. The groom is Hongkong bureau chief of United Press International. L-R: Mr R. Flanerty, Mrs Jean Marie Barnes, Mr F. Robertson, bride, groom, Mrs Catherine Walsh (groom's mother).



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ABOVE: H.E. the Governor, Sir Robert Black, presenting the Police Review Cup to Mr D. H. Taylor, in a ceremony at Police Headquarters on Monday. On right is Mr Ramon Young.



RIGHT: Mrs S. N. Chau presenting a certificate to a student during the Wellington College speech day held on Monday.



ABOVE: Miss T. M. Chan (left) and Miss E. M. Cheung singing their numbers at the finals of the "Beginners' Please" Contest held at Radio Hongkong's Concert Hall on Sunday.



BELOW: Mr A. N. Reynolds, an ex-Hongkong Police officer who recently returned to the Colony after an absence of 26 years, watches as recruits march past during a passing-out parade at Aberdeen.



ABOVE: Boys of the Mu Kuang School, Kai Tak New Village, enjoying themselves at a Christmas party held on board the ss President Wilson on Saturday.



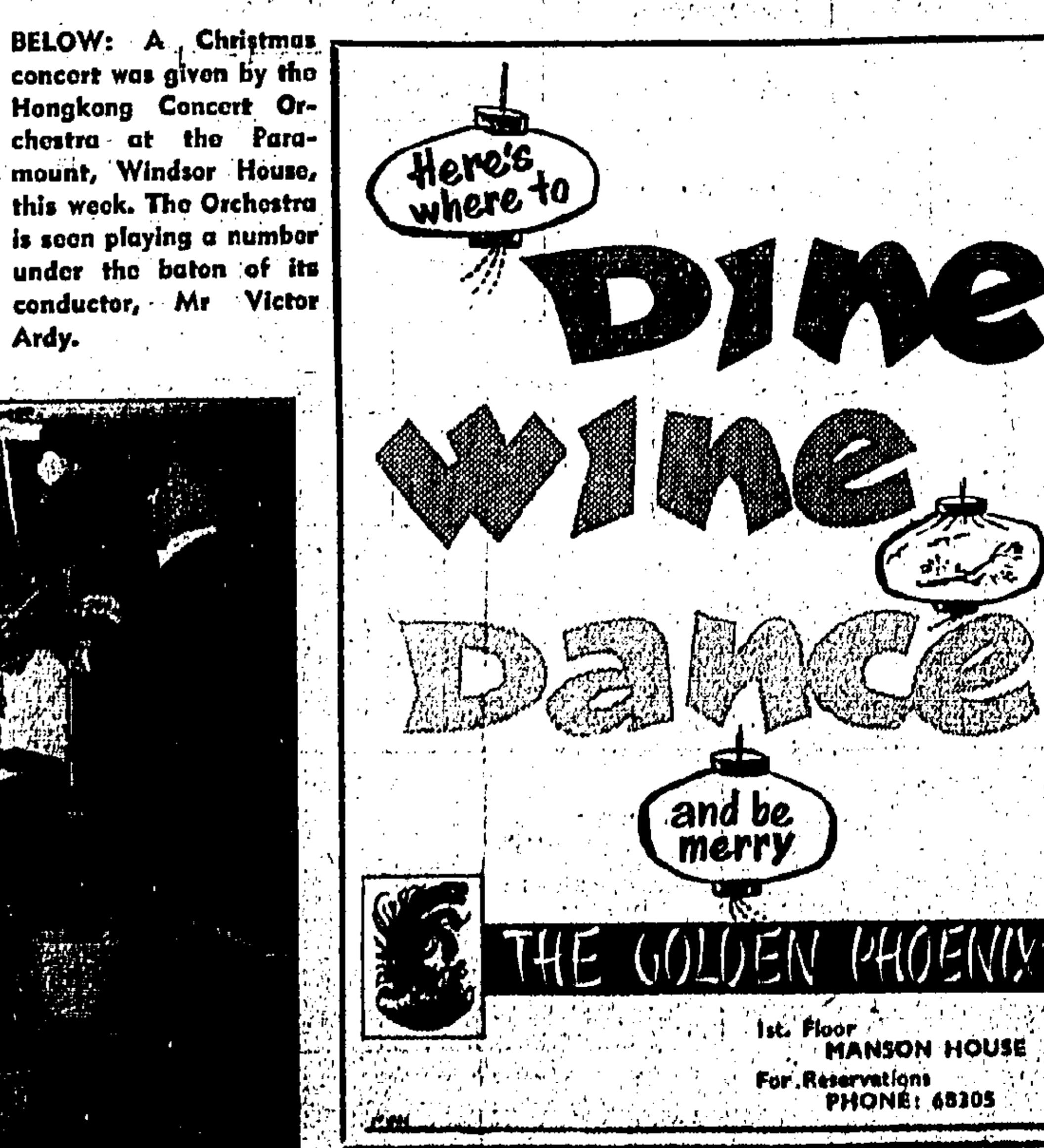
LEFT: A scene from the Cantonese opera "Reincarnation," which was presented at the Lee Theatre recently to raise funds for the new Kwong Wah Hospital.



BELOW: Two machine-gun sections of the Hong Kong Regiment set their sights during manoeuvres held at the Regiment's annual camp at Far East Farm, New Territories, recently.



BELOW: Mr and Mrs Peter Halvard Follborg shortly after their wedding at the Norwegian Seamen's Mission last week.



BELOW: A Christmas concert was given by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Paramount, Windsor House, this week. The Orchestra is seen playing a number under the baton of its conductor, Mr Victor Ardy.

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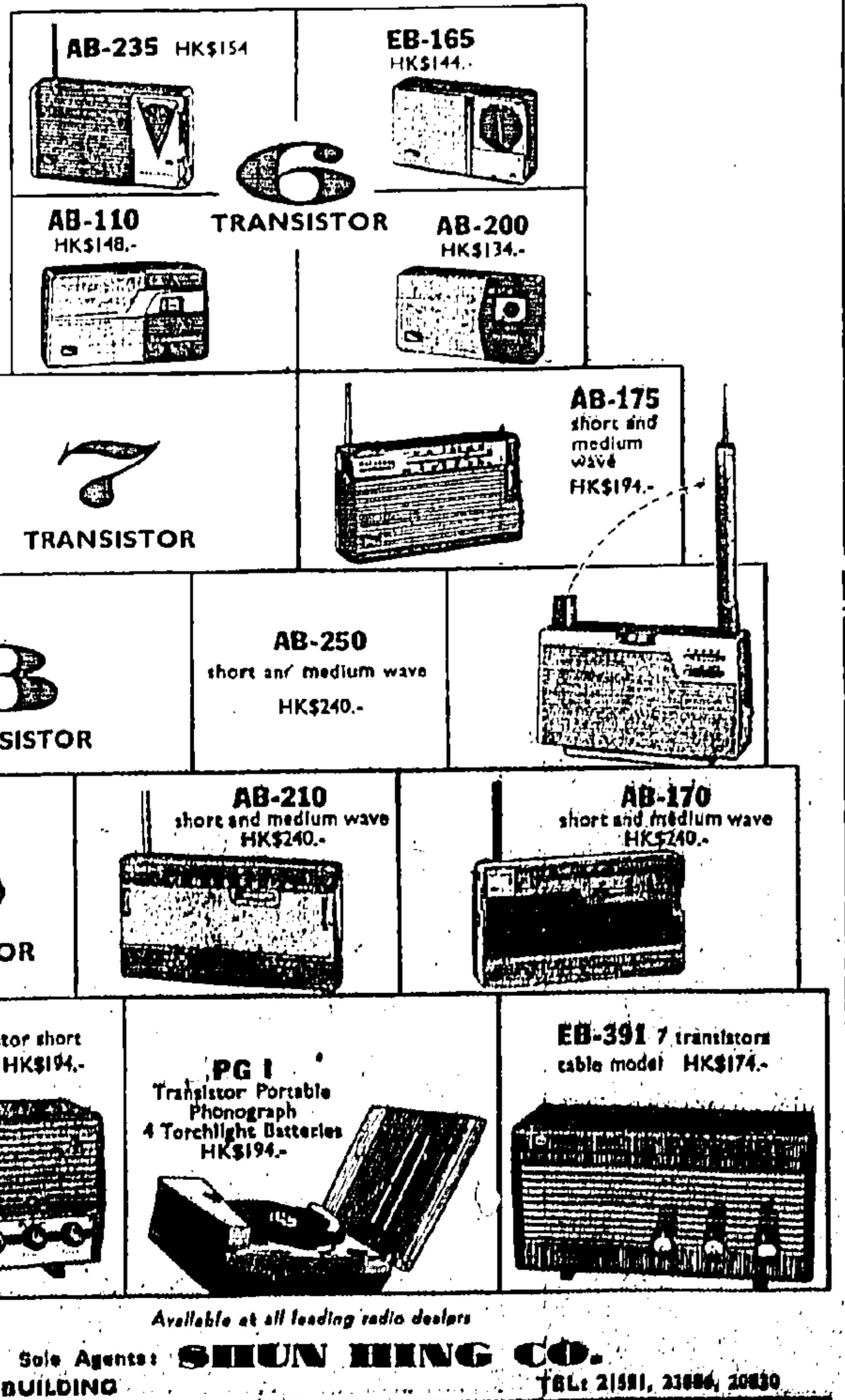
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

What NOT to give this Christmas

By Eileen Ascroft

MEN like bragging about successful Christmas presents that reveal thought and affection. They also have definite dislikes.

Here are businesswoman Lungley Pow's special hates. They may give you a welcome warning about your own particular male.

DON'T give crassading presents, such as a car cleaning outfit, if it's a job he normally shirks.

DON'T give him anything for his favourite hobby, unless you are sure it is the right kind and make.

DON'T give him anything for the house. Think how you feel when it happens to you.

DON'T give him practical presents like underclothes, which he can't exhibit to friends.

DON'T give him anything to drink or smoke unless you know he likes drinking or smoking it.

Touchy

WOMEN are just as touchy about presents that reveal lack of thought and affection.

From business woman Laurie Newton Sharp comes this list of don'ts. (I echo every one!)

DON'T give perfume because you think it smells nice, or the girl in the shop fancies it. It must be her favourite brand.

DON'T give chocolates, unless she's slim on a reed and you know she likes them.

DON'T give stockings, unless you know not only the size, but the brand and shade as well.

DON'T give her things she needs for the house. She won't regard this as a present at all.

DON'T give clothes, unless you're terribly sure of your own taste and hers.

Interesting

MY story last week of Lady Jellicoe becoming a working girl for the first time at 40 has brought me other interesting experiences of the enterprising forties.

I lunched the other day with two women who had never considered a job until their sons went away to do military service.

Ruth Stokes, married to a wholesale haberdasher was feeling bored one day and answered an advertisement for an office cleaning supervisor.

Betty Marshall, wife of a bank official, had the same urge. "I had too much time to be ill and my doctor said what I needed was a real job of work."

Once

Once they'd learned the business they borrowed £200 capital and set up their own office cleaning concern.

That was in March 1955. By June they had landed their first big contract. Today they have a turnover of £50,000 a year.

Not bad going for two housewives in their forties with time on their hands!

Professional supervision has been the key to our success," says half-Irish Betty Marshall.

How much time do these highly professional "Mrs Mops" have to devote to their own homes?

Not much nowadays. Both have daily cleaning women, but still like to do their own shopping and cooking.

City and business notes each day for possible contacts and rockons to land one good customer for every "lead" she writes.

Their business day starts at 5.30 in the morning, "but most of our hard work is finished by 9.00."

Now they employ an army of cleaners — "mostly married women, they're so responsible" — several supervisors and a mechanic working full-time on the various cleaning machines.

Men are employed for the window cleaning and heavy jobs "not so easy to manage as the women" and they already have two vans for transporting heavy equipment.

Shipping offices, grain importers, advertising agencies, oil companies all come under their self-and-polish care.

"But it's the modern offices women really enjoy working in," they told me, "and their chief grumble is unfriendly desks."

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The Rahvis Sisters Have Done It Again



Here is a pink faille evening dress by RAHVIS to attract every eye at the Christmas parties. It has the new "soufflé" skirt which is short at the front and long at the back.

So you want to be a success?



YOU want to be a success at those Christmas parties? Here are a few tips:

- Enjoy your fellow guests; however long-winded, and keep a few smiles for elderly relations.
- Say thank-you afterwards. Even if the evening has been a dead loss, leave a pleasant memory behind. The next invitation may be better!
- Drink what's provided and look happy about it.
- Dress up for the occasion to add to the festive scene and for your sake—and for everyone else's—wear comfortable shoes.
- Don't choose a party for testing your drinking capacity. Play safe in public. Experiment if you wish at home!
- Even if you're dieting, taste your hostess's food.
- Don't be more than half an hour late arriving—or departing!

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Trick of The Chef

Dust liver lightly with thyme before sauteeing.



★ My new party look

I've got a new look for Christmas. The picture shows me wearing a close-fitting nylon wig which turns me from a blonde into a copper-head.

They're becoming so popular for party wear, the only way of testing whether a girl's hair is her own nowadays is to pull it!

Upkeep is simple. It goes along to the hairdresser with you for a separate styling, tinting and shampoo and set.

By Eileen Ascroft.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Brighten soiled glazed chintz (not waxed-coated chintz) by spreading it on a flat surface and sponging it quickly with lukewarm water. If pressing is necessary, use a lukewarm iron and work on the wrong side of the chintz, or on the right side with a slightly dampened cloth over it.

The handles of all saucepans and skillets should be turned away from the edge of the kitchen range. A protruding handle is too easily hit, knocking the pan over. Make this a habit especially if there are children in the house.

CHRISTMAS DINNER with all the trimmings—and favours, too—is served on festive trays to travellers by air during the holidays.

SOMETHING BIGGER THAN GOLD IS THE LURE IN 1958

THEY'RE HITTING THAT YUKON TRAIL AGAIN

Ottawa,

JUST 60 years ago the Yukon echoed with the cry of "Gold" and the rush was on. A handful of men made fortunes. A multitude found nothing but hardship and suffering. Some found death.

After the first frenzied bonanza had spent itself the Yukon became part of the forgotten Deep North.

Today, and the credit is largely Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's, although the Liberals under St Laurent did make a few tentative pushes, the North is being remembered again and rediscovered.

Just before he left for his North and a new province world trip Diefenbaker thundered: "Canada's Northland is a land of snow.

large safe deposits of minerals that represent the little deeds to freedom survival."

This is fancy language, but it could be true. Gold's not so much on the explorers' and engineers' minds now as other minerals — zinc, lead, copper, platinum, tungsten, etc. and aluminum, silver. All these and others have been discovered in the Yukon, perhaps richer in sense. He is employed with the Government's "Road to Resources" programme, and caught the infection of

thrust in from his chief, the Prime Minister.

Starting

Pacing his office as the snow falls remorselessly outside and the capital is muffled by the continuing storms, Hamilton says: "The North is a land whose development has hardly begun



by DON IBBON

Russia has ten towns with more than 10,000.

At present, however, it is the aeroplane and the helicopter, particularly the helicopter, which are being used to open up the Yukon and North-West Territory. During the summer the Government, proud of its northern development programme, flew groups of observers to Fort Smith and Fort McPherson, but the present blizzard has made trips at this time impossible.

Prying open the secrets of the Arctic is swallowing huge sums. Last summer an aerial survey of the Arctic Islands cost the Canadian taxpayer \$10,000,000. Sixty-five men flying camera-equipped Mosquito bombers hoped to get in two full months of survey during July and August. Actually they managed to get in only five days.

The Far North is not going to surrender easily. Charles King, explorer and writer, who made an extensive tour of the Canadian North this summer, is very blunt.

"The real lesson of the undersea voyages of the Nautilus and the Nautilus and the Nautilus is that there now exists at our disposal a new breed of ship differing from its predecessors as much as steam from sail.

"In our lifetime this new breed of ship may revolutionise maritime transport. For Canada the vista is one of access to the great resources of our Arctic coastal lands and off-shore Continental Shelf."

"It may be fanciful, but certainly it is not fantastic to visualise submarine cargo ships on the world's oceans within ten or — more conservatively — 20 years."

Pet plan

"We are in touch with British firms who already have submarine tanks and ore carriers on the engineering drawing-boards. The carriers are specifically contemplated for shipping Hudson Bay iron."

As for the road to the Deep North — Diefenbaker's pet project — a network costing almost \$100,000,000 has already been launched.

Hamilton quotes his chief, Diefenbaker: "In the past we have not always been dynamic. In the future we must be."

The fact that Soviet Russia has 4,500,000 people settled in areas similar to Canada's North, which has a population of only 35,000, rankles with the Canadians in the Government offices here. They say: "If the Russians can do it we can."

Actually, Canada has only one town of over 100 population north of the Arctic Circle, while

I had not realised how expensive life in the Canadian Arctic can be. Petrol is almost £1 a gallon, diesel fuel is nearly 30s. Almost everything but the fish in the sea has to be brought at huge expense from 1,000 miles to the south. The cost of living for the white man is put at ten times the comparable figure in the Canadian South.

Somewhere between the vision of Diefenbaker and the enthusiasm of his Ministers, and the scepticism of old Yukon hands lies the truth about the Canadian Deep North and its future.

ROUND-UP

MOTOR CRUISER

THE LARGEST plastic boat in the world has just been launched at Shoreham, Sussex. It is a motor cruiser with a fibreglass hull, 56 feet long and 15 feet across the beam. The boat displaces 15½ tons and in spite of its size the two 155-h.p. engines will propel it at 17 knots. Plastic was chosen for the hull by the designer because it can be moulded into any shape. There is sleeping accommodation for ten people. Two steering positions, an automatic pilot, water-pressure speedometer and ship-to-shore radio are provided. The boat has been ordered for a German engineering firm.

SENTENCE OF DEATH

VER an Alsatian dog named "Lassie" sentenced to death because it insisted on chasing motor-cycles. Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Conservative M.P. for Portsmouth South, hopes to obtain leave in the Commons to introduce a bill amending the law as it affects court orders for the destruction of dogs. It is thought that the Government would give any such Bill the necessary facilities to become law. The sentenced dog has been given away by her owner to an animal sanctuary. The sanctuary refuses to surrender "Lassie" and the police have no power to enter the premises to collect her. Meanwhile, the original owner of the dog is liable to a penalty of £1 for every day the dog lives. He has already incurred fines of over £100.

HIDDEN TREASURES

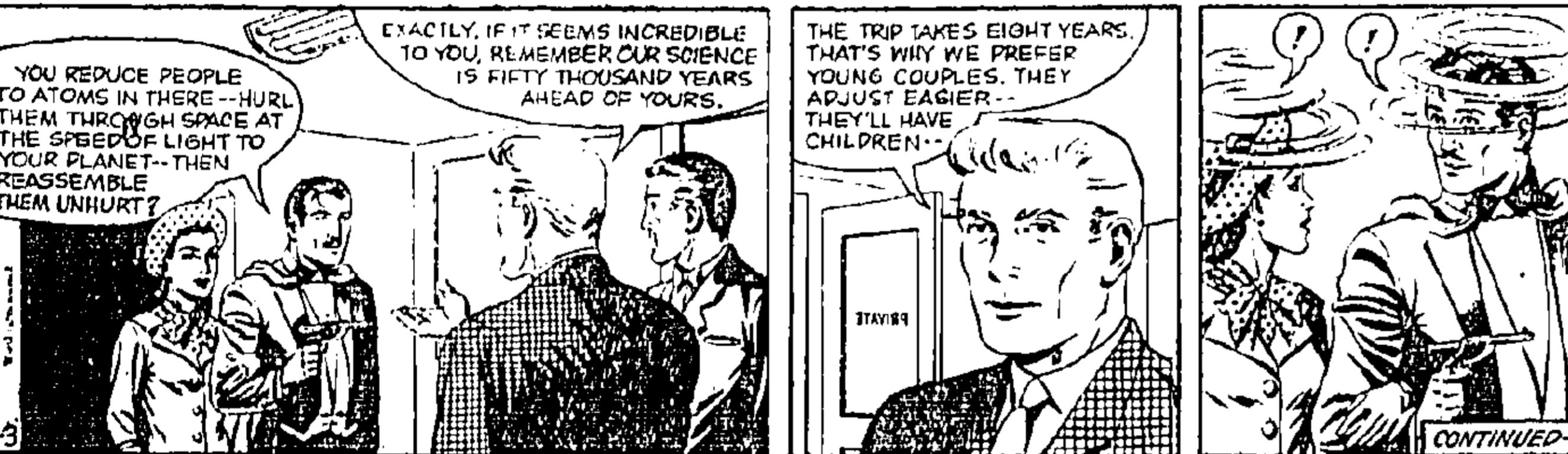
EST their temples be desecrated and their treasures stolen by the devotees of the expanding Christian religion, the priests at the London Temple of Mithras hid marbles and other items of value in holes within their temple, Professor William Grimes, who was in

charge of the 1954 Temple excavations, suggested at the "Treasure Trove" inquest on a small oil-bossed silver canister and a strainer found on the site in the City of London. The coroner declared the canister and the strainer as "Treasure Trove" declaring "I seize them both on behalf of Her Majesty." When it was discovered in October 1954, the canister with the strainer inside was on top of a crumbling wall from which modern foundations had just been dug by crane. The finds were "in a wonderful condition" said Professor Grimes — evidence of the care which had been taken in hiding them. The strainer was perfectly preserved. The canister was decorated with figures which included an hippo, elephant, lion and various other kinds of big cats together with a snake and the mythical winged beast, "The Griffin."

STREAMLINING

BRITAIN'S "new streamlined" Navy will continue to have aircraft carriers as its core says "Jane's Fighting Ships" 1958-59 just published. It is intended that in 1960-70 there will be 150 ships with nuclear-powered machinery plants, 200 ships armed with guided missiles. All combatant ships will be armed with anti-submarine missiles or equipped with anti-submarine aircraft. By 1967 it is planned there will be a fleet of 75 nuclear-powered submarines. Views given in the foreword to the volume says submarines are coming to be regarded as the "capital ships" of the future. Reference is made to notable advances in the technical development and operational capabilities of U.S. submarines. Activity "points to the certainty of intensive sub aqua warfare in any future hostilities. It also indicates the trend of future naval planning and warship design. Naval officers attach tremendous importance to the submarine as an attack weapon, as a defensive weapon, and as an anti-submarine weapon."

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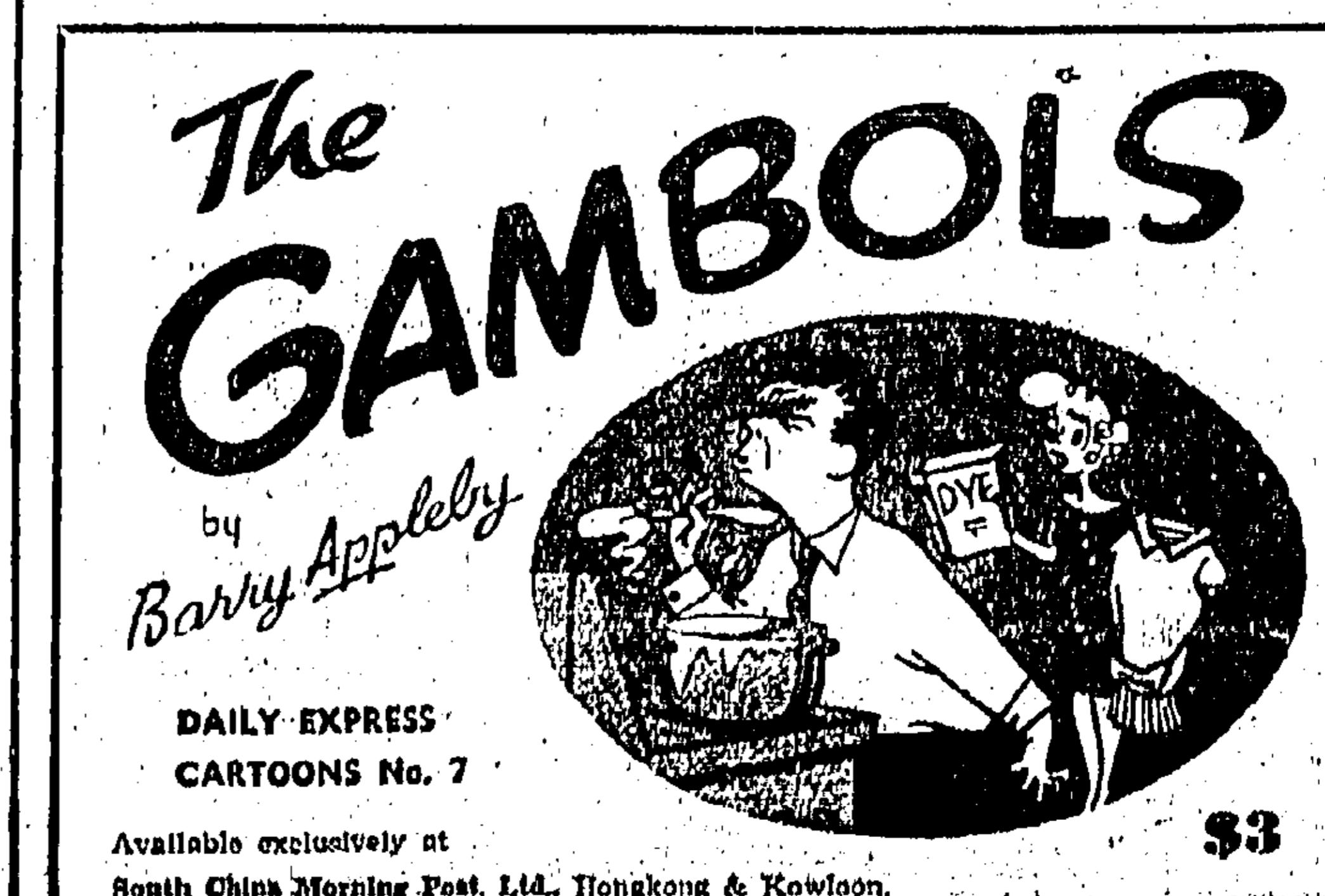
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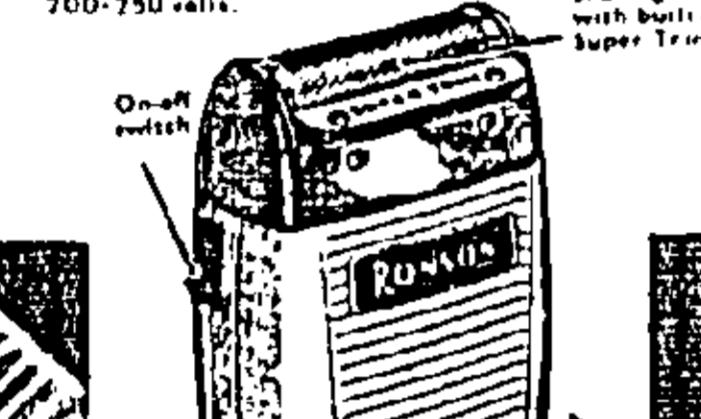
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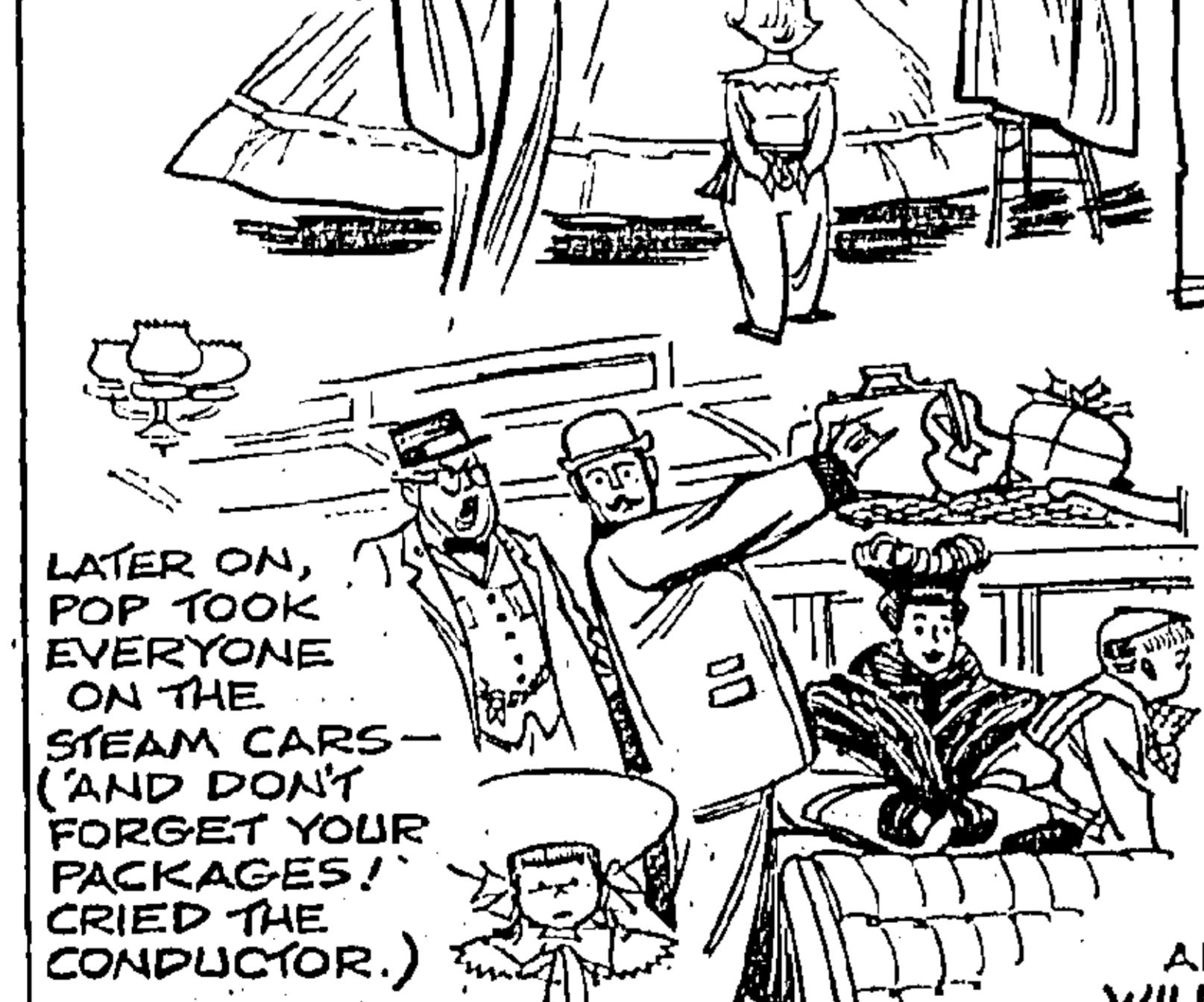


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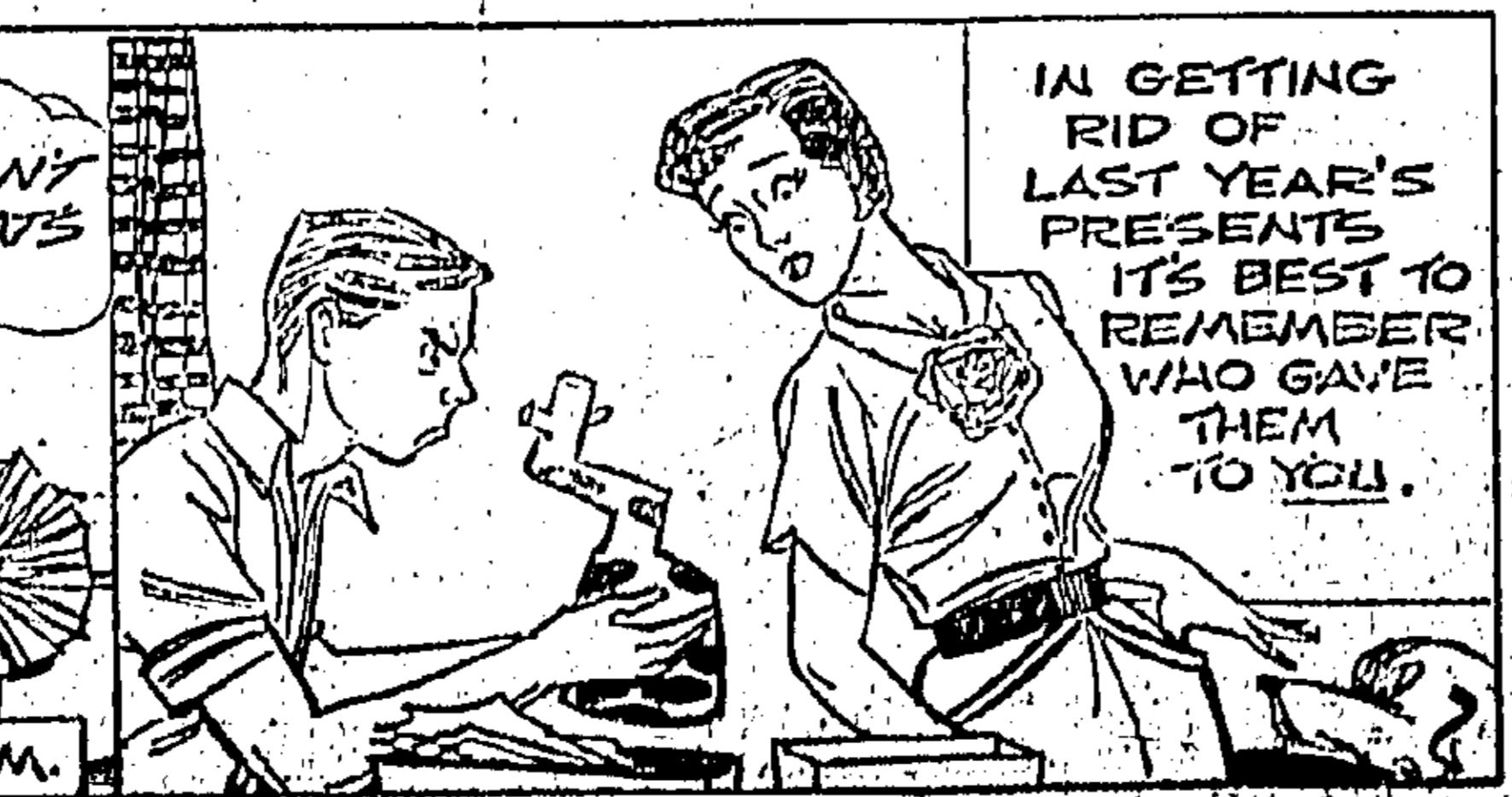
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 EVERYONE
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 (AND DON'T
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 CRIED THE
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Christmas Preparations

—AID GRANDPA PACKED THEM ALL
 IN THE FAMILY SLEIGH—COMPLETE WITH
 SLEIGH BELLS, BUFFALO ROBE AND SNOW.

ALL
 ABOARD
 FOR THE
 CHRISTMAS
 REUNION.

—TODAY WHEN THEY GO TO THE REUNION,
 ALL GRANDPA DOES IS HOPE THAT GRANDMA
 WILL KEEP THE CAR DOWN TO FIFTY AND PAY
 ATTENTION TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS.



IF I GIVE THEM THIS WILL THEY
 APPRECIATE IT? WILL IT HAVE A
 GOOD HOME? WHY SHOULDN'T
 THEY BUY THEIR OWN? WHAT'S
 THE MATTER WITH ME
 KEEPING IT?

WRAP 'EM AND FORGET 'EM.

IN GETTING
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 PRESENTS
 IT'S BEST TO
 REMEMBER
 WHO GAVE
 THEM
 TO YOU.



HOPING FOR SNOW AND A SLED TO GO
 WITH IT—SEEING HE HAS A
 WILLING SLED DOG.

Disc battle
hots up
—Val Parnell
gets in the
business!

THE battle of the recording heavyweights is on. ATV has just obtained what is described as "a substantial interest" in Pye-Nixa. This means that the three-year-old Pye-Nixa, up to now merely a fast bantamweight with a handy punch, will have the pounce to take on the really big boys in a game.

Men behind the Pye-Nixa build-up are Val Parnell, managing director of ATV, and those talent promoters Lew and Leslie Grade, the Big Three of Show Business.

Who said that the boom in records was finished? This latest development not only confounds the prophets of doom, it promises to revitalise the British recording scene.

Chance for British

Val Parnell will be off to America for talks with two major American recording concerns. He hopes to pull off a deal that will bring some of the biggest star names in the world to the Pye-Nixa label.

"We intend to promote the established winners as Petula Clark, Lorraine Donegan, and well, both for the well-being of Edmund Hockridge, the company and also to enable our stars to compete on something like equal terms with their American counterparts," Mr Parnell told me.

Already Pye-Nixa have made a bid to capture their first castle—a new fame—in a night comedian and singer Roy Castle—to add to their impressive roster of stars. He joins such

established winners as Petula Clark, Lorraine Donegan, and Edmund Hockridge.

The situation is fraught with interest even in these early days. I cannot wait to see the reaction of that titanic trio, E.M.I., Decca, and Phillips.

While they are fighting it out with Pye-Nixa, to bring us the best of entertainment on record, the record buyers are bound to be on the winning side.

Bill Haley back with a riot

WE said that Bill Haley is dead—but he does not seem to lie down. Last week he turned up with his band of rockers in Paris. Result: a minor riot at the Olympia Music Hall.

Teenagers who decided that he had given them short measure ripped out seats and smashed bottles.

So if Haley cannot claim to have broke into the Best Sellers lately, at least he can assert: "We were a riot!"

That gun-toting marshal of Tombstone, Arizona, has finally caught up with us. Wyatt Earp has burst into song. H.M.V. have just issued "The Legend of Wyatt Earp" and "Down In The Meadow."

"Willie Dill" the Cha Cha (Capitol) Best of the current Singer-actor Hugh O'Brian. He is better known to most of us as the intrepid marshal of

If you do not like it, remember the old saying: "Don't shoot the marshal. He's doing his best."

THE NEW DISCS

**** NAT "KING" COLE: "Non Dimenticar" (Capitol)

—A top singer, has not had a top hit for too long. And this song, a laizy sophistication Italian ballad, never quite made the hit parade before.

But this disc should heat both hoodoo. Cole, with his smooth blend of cascading voice and casual style, can still show his admirers a few things. The song is worth while, too.

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John Lambert

**ROBERT
 PITMAN**

THE BOOK PAGE poses a question that will disturb every parent now buying the children's Christmas presents.

But can the little darlings READ?—



ALL this week in Britain's bookshops the matted faces of a million aunts and uncles will be peering at the children's shelves.

What a neat solution to the Christmas problem those shelves seem to offer.

In December 1958 children's books are better produced than they have ever been before. They glow with brilliance and colour.

Only one drawback exists.

When the books are wrapped in holly paper and the postman brings them to your door, isn't it just possible that you may not trust yourself: "Will they ever get read?"

CAN YOUR CHILD REALLY READ? While the gleaming new schools rise in every town, I find that more and more parents of young children are unable to give a confident answer.

CAN YOUR CHILD REALLY READ? The schools available to him may look magnificent. Even the railings may be painted in smart contemporary shades. But what goes on inside? Is he learning the most important thing of all?

THE VIEWS

That question, I believe, is worrying thousands of parents today. It is worrying employers.

And today in the midst of the children's book season I report the views of two experts who say that there is good cause to worry.

They are the British educationists, J. C. Daniels and

Mr. Black. Together in Britain and America they have been leading a massive counter-revol-

ution against the so-called "modern" methods of teaching children how to read.

Above all they are fighting the "Look-Say" method.

You have never heard of it. It is the method used for young children in nine out of ten State schools in Britain today. It is used in most private schools too.

Let me explain how Look-Say works. An infants' teacher who follows the method completely will not talk about the alphabet to her children at all. She will not mention ABC or even "Er, Ber, Cer, Der." She will start them straight away on whole words—even on whole sentences.

That is why—if your child goes to a "Look-Say" school you will find his first text book such a puzzle. It will be full of pretty pictures. But it will not stand with words like "cat" or "hat." Almost on the first page there will be such impressive sentences as "Janet, look at the aeroplane."

On page after page that word "aeroplane," and a few others,

2 know how to read, said the

By Harry Weinert

"ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP AWAY FROM THE PUNCH BOWL AND POLITICS!... SUPPOSE THEIR OPINIONS ARE ALL COCK-EYED—IT ISN'T UP TO YOU TO SET THEM RIGHT!"



"IF YOU INSIST ON DOING YOUR USUAL SANTA CLAUS ACT YOU WILL NEED A NEW BEARD—THE MOTHS HAVE BEEN WEARING THIS ONE!"



professors. He doesn't really notice the individual letters at all. He glances quickly at the shape of the word, or a whole group of words, and takes in the meaning at once.

Let the children do the same, said the professors. Let them look and then say. It can be as simple as that.

But how has Look-Say helped with children's reading? That is where Mr Daniels and Mr Black come in. They find that—except with some very clever children, and except where teachers have reinforced Look-Say by teaching the sounds of letters—it has not helped at all.

For several years they have done research in Midlands schools.

THEY HAVE FOUND teachers who are satisfied when their small pupils can pick out "Aeroplane" from shorter words like "look" and "Janet." Say Daniels and Black: you might as well get children to learn English by sorting out different lengths of string.

THEY HAVE FOUND a class of ordinary 10-year-olds who were being taught to pick out the word "caveman" from a number of other words.

By the Look-Say method they did it in a flash. But when they were asked to write down "caveman" from memory they produced these variations: curven, crane, cave, carven, etc. children "wrote it like that," croven, corven, carmen, vermen, wardren, carvern.

DISTURBING

Daniels and Black report some other disturbing things.

THEY HAVE FOUND training colleges where future teachers spend far more time on handicrafts than on learning how to teach reading.

THEY HAVE FOUND schools where children are not taught reading at all before the age of seven on the grounds that they have not reached "reading readiness."

What then can you do about it? Suppose you are worried by your child's reading progress, what action can you take?

First, I advise you to get a copy of "STANDARD READING TESTS" (Chatto, 21s.). They are hard going for the person who is doing the testing, but they will tell you whether your child (at any age between six and ten) is below or above average for his years, and they will tell you just where his faults lie.

SO HELPFUL

And if your boy or girl is way below standard? Well, Daniels and Black themselves can help you there. They have produced a series of reading books which you can use at home yourself.

They use the old letter-stand-for-sounds method—but they have improved it enormously. They are careful to keep out the difficult sounds (such as that awkward "oo") from the early stages. I can testify that the results are excellent.

The name of the series: THE ROYAL ROAD READERS (Chatto, Book One, 2s. 6d., Books Two to Nine, from 2s. 6d. each). The vital TEACHERS' BOOK which tells you how to use the series costs 4s.

I can imagine few other Christmas presents which could bring such profit in the years to come.

Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail—A "China Mail" Feature

(Broadcasting on a frequency 880 kilocycles per second.)

Today

12.30 p.m. ROMANCE IN MUSIC AND SONG.
1.00 TIME SIGNAL.
1.15 WEATHER REPORT.
1.15 TIME SIGNAL. ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.
1.20 LUNCHTIME MUSIC.
"Der Rosenkavalier" (Waltzes (Strauss—Orch. Dulecková); Ballet Music from "The Queen of Sheba" (Goldmark); "The Merry Widow" from "La Gioconda"; Act 3 (Ponchielli); Dance of the Camorristi from "Turandot"; Dance of the Buffoons from "Sugoroku"; Act 3 (Rimsky-Korsakoff)—The Boston Pops Orchestra, cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
4.00 JUST FOR YOU.
Presented by Nick Kendall.
3.00 THE NOONERSONG.
By Wilkie Collins, Part 3: "The Silvering Sand".
3.30 VINTAGE GOONS. (Peggy.) Piano, with His Singers & Orchestra.
4.00 MUSIC FOR TEA TIME.
"THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE" (A. L. Babbitt).
4.30 SELECTIONS from the Musical Film, Starring Gordon MacRae.
5.00 WEATHER REPORT.
Presented by Audrey, calling The R.A.P. Kai Tak.
6.00 TIME SIGNAL.
7.00 THE SIGNAL. (C.W.B. Band, Manchester C.W.B. Band.)
CASTAWAYS' CHOICE.
By Ted Bickler, presented by Ted Bickler.
WEATHER REPORT.
7.00 TIME SIGNAL, THE NEWS.
7.10 THE NEWS.
7.15 THE WEEK.
News, Reports and Interviews on some of the week's events in Hongkong, compiled by Timothy Bitch.

8.15 VINTAGE GOONS.
"Giant Bombardon."
8.15 SPOTLIGHT.
8.30 CONTINENTAL HENDEZ-VOUS.
With Denis Henbane.
8.38 WEATHER REPORT.
8.40 TIME SIGNAL.
NEWS & HOME NEWS FROM

8.12 INVITATION TO MUSIC.
1.13 Campanella (Paganini), arr. Kreisler; Capriccio (Paganini) with Genni; Violin (Paganini); The Three Bears (Eric Coates)—The London Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Charles Mackerras; Suite for Strings (Stravinsky)—The London Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Sir John Barbirolli.
8.43 THE SATURDAY STORY.
"Happy Birthday to You" by Dr. H. A. Craig, in his Allsorts.
9.05 WEATHER REPORT.
10.00 TIME SIGNAL, RADIO NEWS.
10.15 OUT AND ABOUT.
From Golden Phoenix Mansion House. Dance Music Played by Freddie & His All Star Rhythm Rockets.
10.15 LAST NIGHT FINAL.
Presented by Bill Doward.
11.35 CHRISTMAS REPORT.
11.30 CLOSE DOWN.

Queen's Speech Will Highlight Yuletide Listening

The highlight of Radio Hongkong's Yuletide programmes will be the traditional Christmas message from Her Majesty the Queen to the Commonwealth, broadcast direct from the Royal home in Sandringham.

This will be heard in Hongkong on Christmas night at 11 o'clock.

A recording of the speech will be broadcast on Boxing Day at 1 p.m.

Her Majesty's Christmas message will as usual be preceded by one of the BBC's traditional round-the-Commonwealth programmes.

This year the theme will be the pioneers in all the realms of endeavour, spiritual as well as physical, who sought new lands or new knowledge.

From all over the Commonwealth, men and women who have shared these ideals will contribute to this programme, which will be produced by Lawrence Gilliam and Alan Burgess and written by the Irish poet H.A. Craig. The narrator will be Australian actor Peter Finch.

The "Bookers" will be heard at 10.15 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Religious Broadcasts

At midnight on Christmas Eve the Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Father F. Doyle, S. J. in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, will be relayed by Radio Hongkong.

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ductor, Sir Malcolm Sargent, will give a carol concert in fully packed Royal Albert Hall.

In an informal and happy atmosphere, audience and choir join together to sing popular hymns and well-loved carols.

A BBC transcription of one of these carol concerts will be heard at 9 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Christmas Music

The main work in this week's "Sunday Concert" will be Gian-Carlo Menotti's beautiful Christmas story, "Amahl and the Night Visitors".

Composed especially for television, this work was given its world premiere on Christmas Eve, 1951, and has since become an American tradition.

"Sunday Concert" begins at 9.45 p.m.

"Merry Recital" will feature a Christmas programme by well-known Hongkong artists, in which Arrigo Fox and Moya Res will play a violin sonata by Tartinii, and Robert Witsch will sing Christmas songs by contemporary English composers. "Merry Recital" is at 9.15 p.m.

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In Hospitals

Nancy Wroe and Ted Thomas went out to several hospitals in the Colony and talked to patients and staff members.

The interviews were recorded, in which the interviewees were asked to select their favourite records.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 20

7.00 p.m. THE NEWS.

1.00 COMMENTARY.

1.15 SPORTS ROUND-UP.

1.30 MUSIC FAVOURITES.

2.00 TUNE TIME.

Music in many directions, including by John Holliday.

2.30 ITALY ELINGUON QUARTET.

3.00 MUSIC IN MANY DIRECTIONS, including by John Holliday.

3.30 BORIS HUMMEL (soprano). The London Singers, conducted by Boris Hummel, BBC Concert Orchestra.

4.00 VARIOUS. (BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by John Holliday.)

4.30 VARIOUS.

5.00 THE NEWS.

5.30 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

6.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

6.30 THE NEWS. (BBC NEWSWHEEL.)

6.45 MUSIC IN THE AIR.

7.00 MUSIC PRESENTED BY MARK LUBACK.

7.15 SPORTS ROUND-UP.

7.30 WELSH MAGAZINE.

7.45 MUSIC FOR DANCING.

8.00 SINGER FOR DANCING.

8.15 VARIOUS.

8.30 THE NEWS & COMMENTARY.

8.45 WINTER.

Extracts from editorial comment by leading British weekly newspapers.

8.50 THE NEWS.

8.55 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

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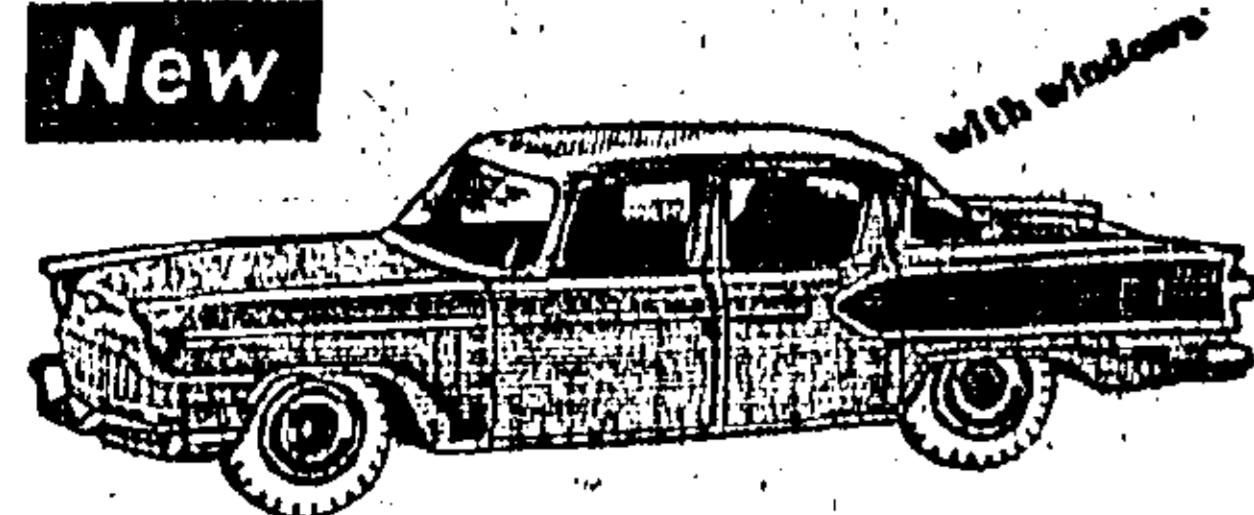
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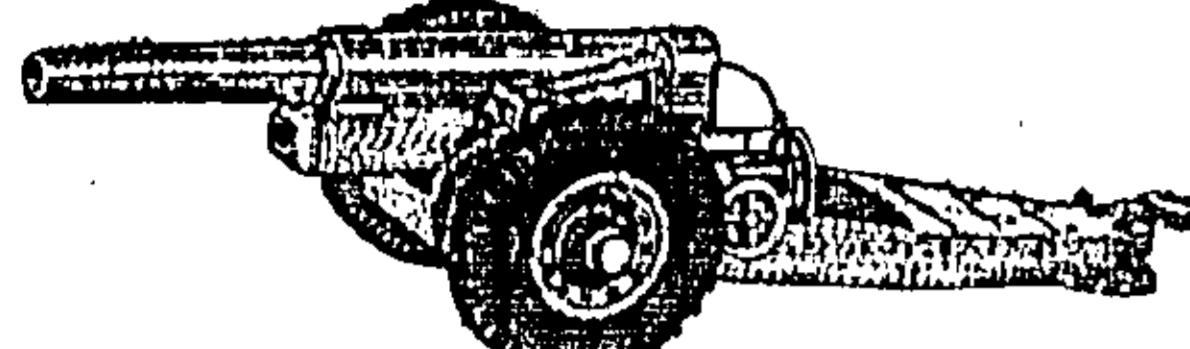
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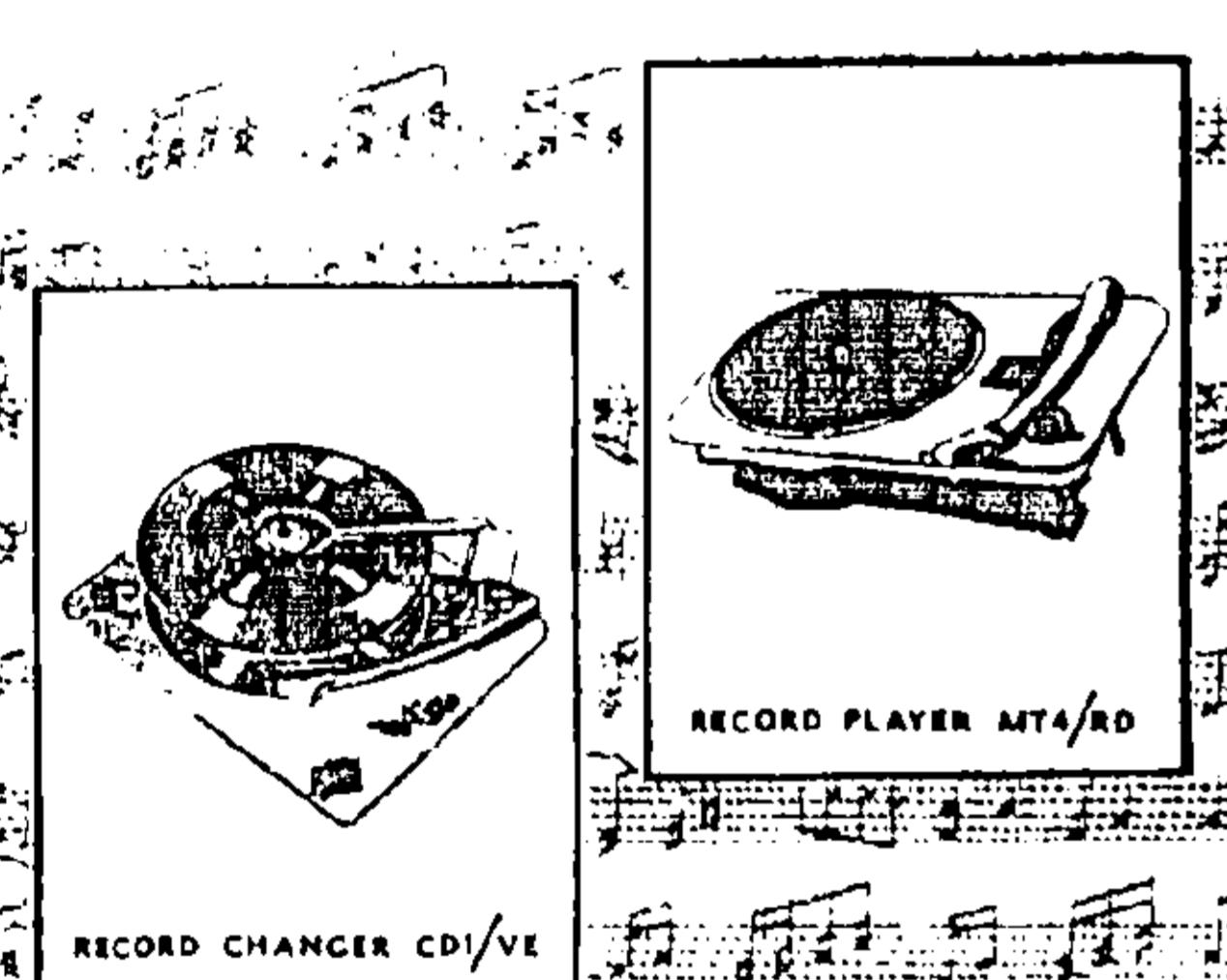
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SHARP-EYED MME. GRUEBER SPOTS THE PHONEYS . . .

IT is now 10 years since I painter Francis Grueber died at the age of 36 and at the peak of his reputation. In the intervening years, diligent copyists have sought to multiply his output at least five-fold.

Tracing these fake Gruebers has become the part-time voluntary occupation of his widow.

Recently she returned from a Sotheby sale in London at which a Grueber was put up for sale, only to be withdrawn at the last moment when Mme. Grueber denounced it as a fake.

Mme. Grueber derives no pleasure from this melancholy task, which takes her to art sales all over the world.

She attends the sales solely in the hope of acquiring a genuine Grueber to add to her own superb collection.

Mme. Grueber, a woman of considerable wealth, is the daughter of a famous French

playwright, the late Henri Bernstein.

She bears the curious christian name of George as testimony to her father's disappointment at getting a daughter instead of a son.

Mme. Grueber attributes her strong sense of purpose, which she shows in many fields, to the psychological effect of bearing a male christian name.

Grueber had been painting for several years before she married him, and the financial value of his work rocketed like that of so many other painters during the war and Occupation, when paintings seemed the best investment in an insecure world.

Instructive

With his stark, sad nudes, Grueber was the direct precursor of Bernard Buffet and no doubt a similar popularity among copyists await Buffet after his death.

Mme. Grueber's experiences in tracing fake Gruebers is an instructive one.

The artist's painting life covered only 18 years and she has recorded an estimated 280 of his canvases. He never kept a record of his work.

On one occasion he tore up a prize-winning painting just before it was to be collected for exhibition as the winner of the 1947 French National Art Prize.

Fake Gruebers vary from direct copies to vulgarisations of his subjects to make them more saleable.

Thus a famous nude of his, which became known as "The Venus of Buchenwald," was in one instance transformed into a fully-clothed woman enjoying a game of patience.

The first time Mme. Grueber found a Grueber fake was five years ago during a visit to New York.

New Venture

A friend invited her to see his collection of her husband's work and among seven genuine Gruebers she saw one she recognised as a fake, an opinion which was later confirmed by the fact that the date on it coincided with a period when Grueber was too ill to paint.

Later a Paris gallery unwittingly achieved the distinction of putting on a Grueber show which included 17 fakes.

Mme. Grueber believes that the industry in fake Gruebers is stimulated by a Paris art dealer who handles many of the fakes.

Eva Bartok, flitting in the South of France, has taken time off to start writing a novel. Its provisional title is

thread, and it is dedicated to her one-year-old daughter.

Is it autobiographical? "No," she told me. "But it will mention some of the striking events which have marked my life in the past two years."

"Such as?" I asked. "Well, of course, my becoming a mother," she replied.

Golden Boy

THE Man in the Week is 42-year-old Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who has capped the most brilliant career in post-war French politics by becoming the Speaker of the French Parliament.

He defeated France's wartime Premier, Paul Reynard, for the post, and thereby frustrated de Gaulle's wish to reward the man who launched him on his political career.

Of course, it was the triumphant new de Gaulle party, of which Chaban-Delmas

is one of the leaders, which secured his election.

Chaban-Delmas is the Golden Boy of French politics whose commanding looks almost give him the status of a film star among women voters.

He is, apart from a remarkable scholastic record and a Resistance record which made him a brigadier-general at 28.

An MP at 31, Mayor of Bordeaux at 32, and Cabinet Minister at 35, he seems to be successful in everything he touches. He is also a first-rate tennis and rugby player.

He is vain, ambitious, but likeable.

He was Minister of Defence at the time of the May 13 revolt — a delicate post at the time. But he walked the tightrope with superb aplomb.

The role of the Speaker of the House is an infinitely more important post in France than in Britain.

If anything happened to de Gaulle during his presidency, Chaban-Delmas would be in direct line of succession.

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QUOTES . . .

Actor Robert Lamoureux: "Love? It's the effort one man makes to live with one woman."

A parliamentary commentator: "You can tell the new MP's in the House by the fact that they apologize when they brush against an usher."

—(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE unlucky expert staggered toward the window. For a moment I thought he was going to jump, but it turned out that all he needed was some fresh air to give him breath to tell his latest sad story.

He said, "I know I bid too much, but look at the defence they gave me.

"West opened the five of

trumps and East won with the king. He returned the queen of clubs. I won in dummy and led a diamond to my ace and non-chalantly returned the nine of spades.

West went into a short trance and eventually produced the king. I ruffed in dummy and discarded my losing spade on the second high club; came back

NORTH		EAST
♦ A 8 7 5 3		
♦ Q 7 2		
♦ 7		
♦ A K 7 5 3		
WEST	EAST	
♦ Q J 4 2	♦ K 10	
♦ A 10 5	♦ K	
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♦ Q 9	♦ Q J 10 6 2	
SOUTH (D)		
♦ A 9		
♦ J 8 6 4 3		
♦ A J 10 9		
4 4		
Both vulnerable		
South	West	North
2	Pass	2
2	Pass	3
4	Pass	Pass
Opening lead — ♦ 6		

to my hand with the ace of spades; led the jack of diamonds and discarded a ruff in dummy.

"East won with the queen and led a club. I ruffed, and West ruffed with the ten to set me."

As usual, the unlucky expert had been the victim of inspired play. Without a trump opening he would have been able to ruff out all his three losing diamonds and wind up losing three trumps only. Without the king of diamonds play on the second diamond lead he could have let East take his queen before he would have had a chance to give his partner the club overruff.

Nevertheless, the unlucky expert had bid too much and really was lucky to find a dummy that would give him any sort of play for his contract.

CARD Sense

—The bidding has been:

East South West North

1 ♠ Double 2 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass

You, South, hold:

♦ K J 9 7 ♠ A Q 6 4 ♦ K 10 5 ♦ 6

What do you do?

—Bid three diamonds. You only have 13 high card points, but your distribution is excellent and your high cards should be well placed. Also, your partner does not have to bid again.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner does bid again and his bid is three spades. What do you do now?

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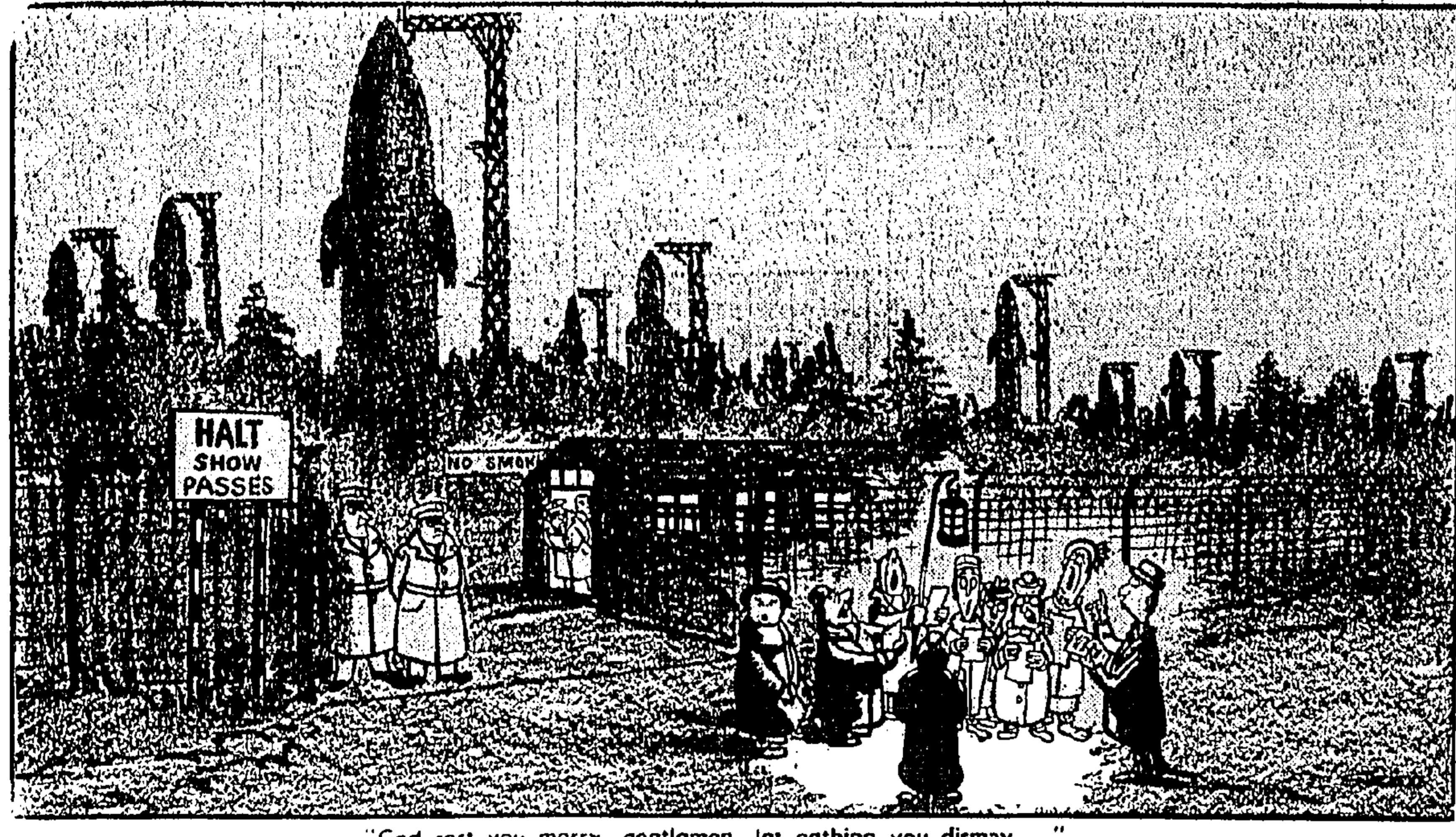
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HERE'S HOW TO BUY YOUR WIFE A GIFT IN COMFORT

NEW YORK.

I WAS trying to drum up some sympathy for myself today over the chore every man hates—doing the Christmas shopping—when an American friend said: "Nothing to it! You can have it done for you while you sit back in an armchair and drink a cocktail."

Within seconds I was on my way up Fifth Avenue to the store which lays on this dream service.

At the main entrance was a swarm of women bickering off one another in the battle to get in or out.

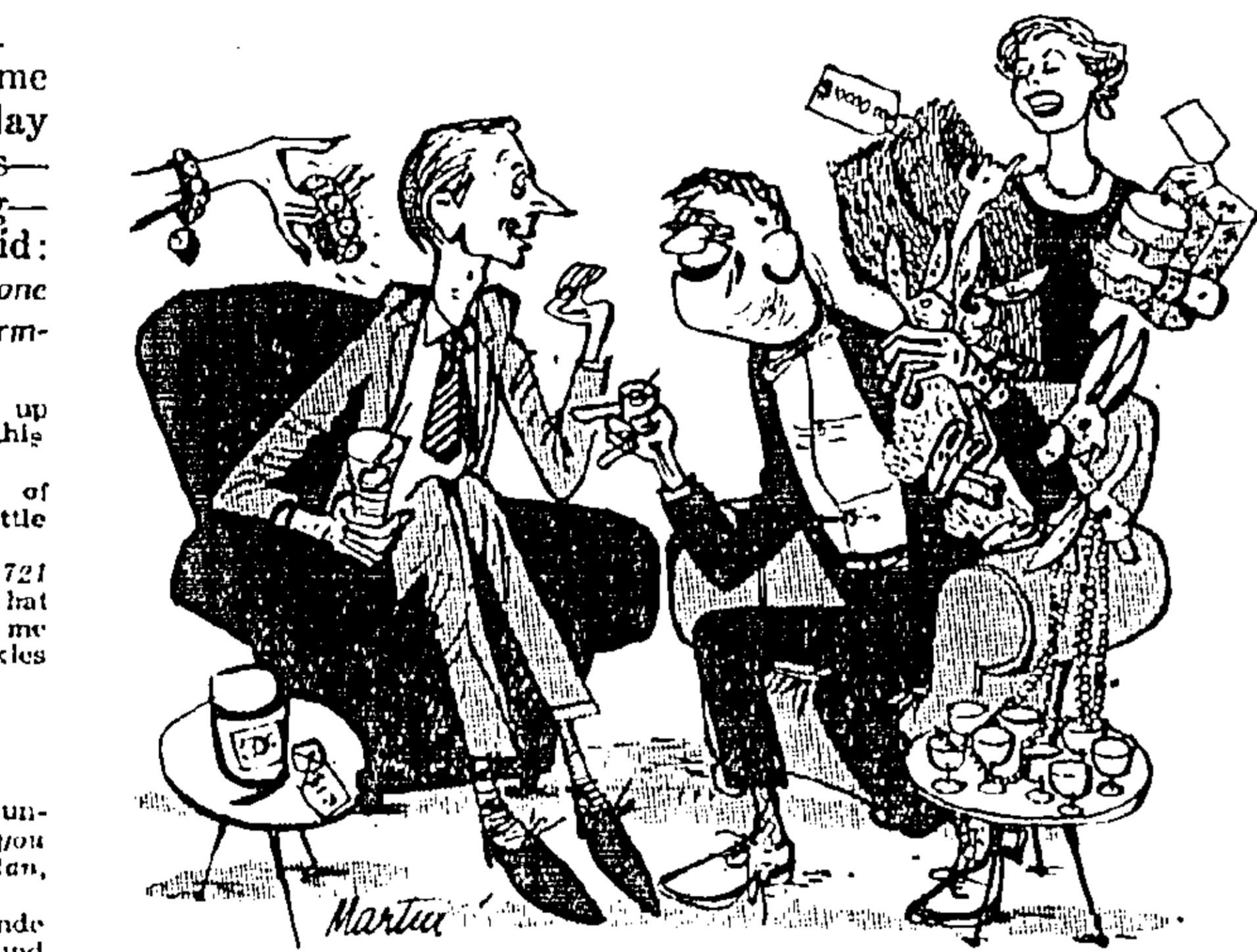
But I went to a side door marked 721 Club For Men Only. A page in a pillbox hat let me in, took my coat, then guided me across one of those lush up-to-your-ankles carpets to the promised armchair.

One of everything

As the page bowed away a blonde undulated up to me and asked: "What would you like to drink, sir?" Martini, Manhattan, Scotch on Rocks?"

I began to wonder if it was the blonde or the drink, going to my head as I found myself clutching a brimming, ice-misted glass (which I was told I didn't have to pay for) and heard the blonde adding: "Are you sure you are quite comfortable?"

But she brought me back to earth a second later by asking: "Now what have you in mind for your wife?"



by ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

Or call his wife to ask: "Has my secretary already got a gold mink powder compact?"

Even if his wife replies: "And what's that got to do with you?" there is nothing much else she can do about it. For this room is barred to women.

The official explanation of this is: To preserve the element of surprise, so that a wife, fiancee or sister cannot see what is being bought for her.

Lot to learn

Each of these Santas (paid 28s. a day plus 7s. for lunch by the charity he works for) is splendidly turned out in scarlet robes, with elastic tucks that fit Santas large and small, and nylon beard which he is supposed to run through soups each night so that it is fresh and white when the sets are each morning.

I talked to one of them as he stood on Broadway, ringing a handbell.

"We have a three-week school before we turn out on this job," he told me. "There is a lot you have to learn before you can be a Santa Claus."

Some of the rules a New York Santa has to remember are:

1 Give special attention to your whiskers.

2 Avoid eating garlic and onions.

3 Never promise children anything. But send them away hopeful and happy.

4 Don't engage in any argument or dispute.

5 Don't smoke, eat or drink on duty.

6 Never leave your chimney unattended.

The last is the strictest rule of all. For the chimneys of the

sidewalk Santas—they are made of wood—are what you drop your money in. And it would be disastrous if Santa went off for a cup of coffee and a doughnut and came back to find his chimney had vanished.

So what does he do? He hoists it under his arm and holds it with him.

Lines jammed

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But there is another—"The electronic doll"—with a radionike gear inside it which is beamed to a remote control panel. This 16in. doll, with no visible means of support, can walk, run and ride a bicycle.

For boys the shelves are filled with space ships and satellites.

There is also a large rocket (Price £1.) driven somehow by a mixture of water and air, which has a push-button control that fires it to 300 feet. Then there is a bang as the first stage falls off, and the rest soars on.

I also saw a four-foot long "atomic cannon," which actually shoots polyethylene shells (35s).

How much?

Among all these things a curdly wool dog looks grotesquely old-fashioned—even if it does have a tag sewn to it reading "Latka," the name of the dog that went up in one of the Russian Sputniks.

How much will the United States spend on its children's toys this Christmas?

The makers are going to be disappointed if it is less than £350 million. Yes, £350 million.

If, after that, the grown-ups have anything left to spend on each other, they can send out cards costing up to three guineas each. They bear a Bible message and your name hand-painted.

There is one solemn suggestion in magazines that no husband could do better than give his family a car for Christmas.

Or he can always settle for "A Merry Music Christmas" with a spinet organ at £2350.

The husband can also have a telephone (choice of seven colours) fitted for his wife in the kitchen. She can reciprocate by having one put at the bedside for him (the colours)—with electrically lit dial or a stop-watch "perfect for making long-distance calls."

This Santa's voice is recorded. So many children ring him up around bedtime that the lines become hopelessly jammed. Nothing could delight the children more, because it means they have to stay up a little longer until the lines are clear.

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Some of the presents for children this Christmas—you can hardly call them toys—are enough to make anyone but a millionaire break out in a sweat.

There is a 6ft. 9in. long scale model of a car, costing more than £200, that runs on a small motor at five miles an hour. This "toy" weighs more than 20st.

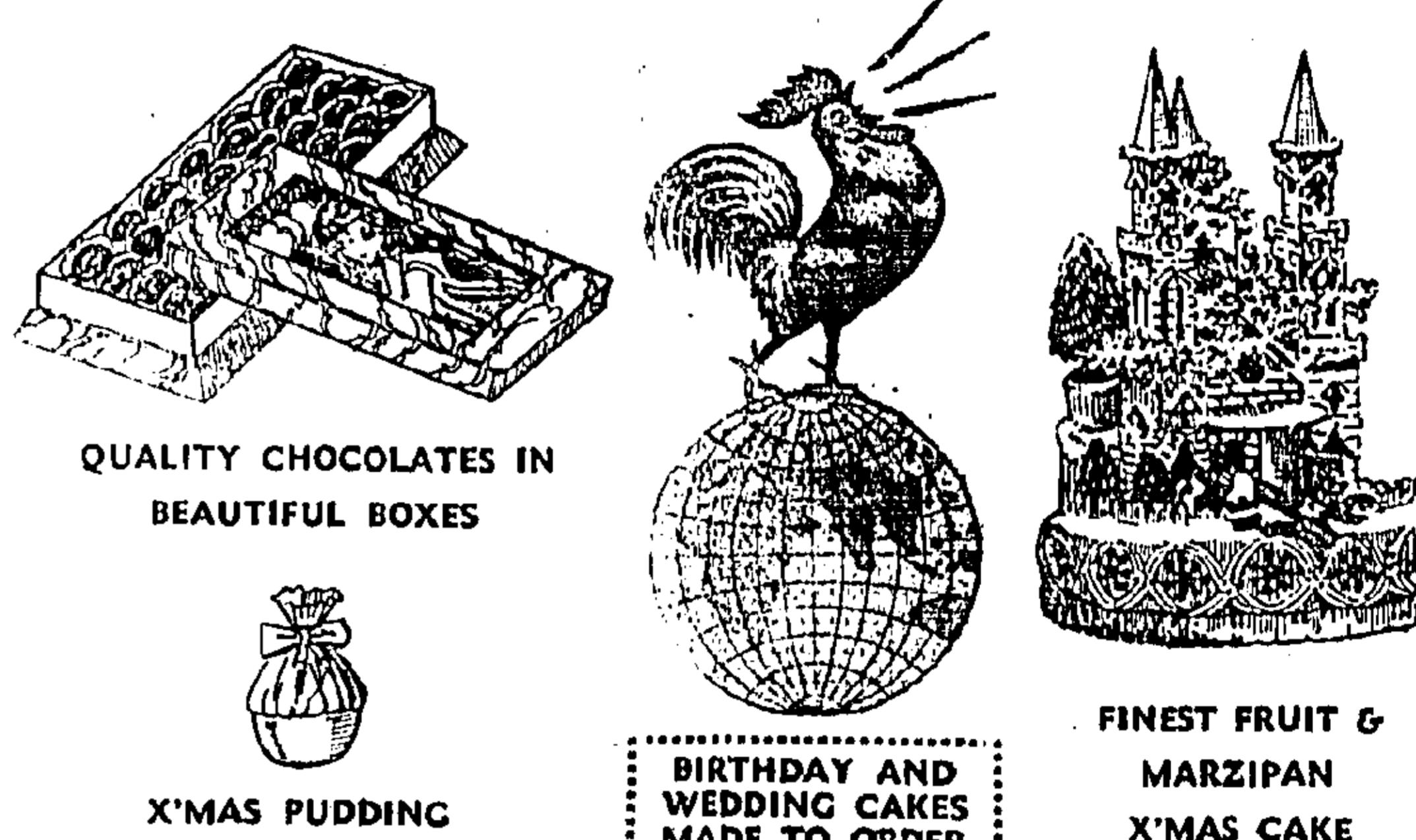
Not for a moment do I believe we are going to have anything but a joyful, rollicking Christmas here in New York. But I can't help noticing the advert which keeps cropping up, in some of the newspapers.

It is put there by a bank and it reads: "Join our 1959 Christmas club now. There you'll have £25 to £100 for Christmas 1959."

I hope they are right. For the way we are heading towards Christmas 1959 makes me wonder if any of us will have anything in the bank ever again.



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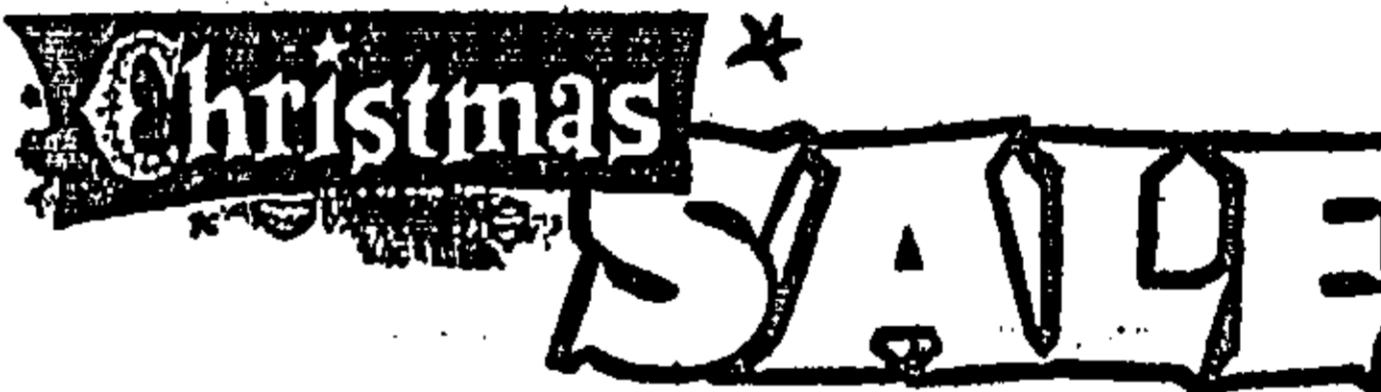
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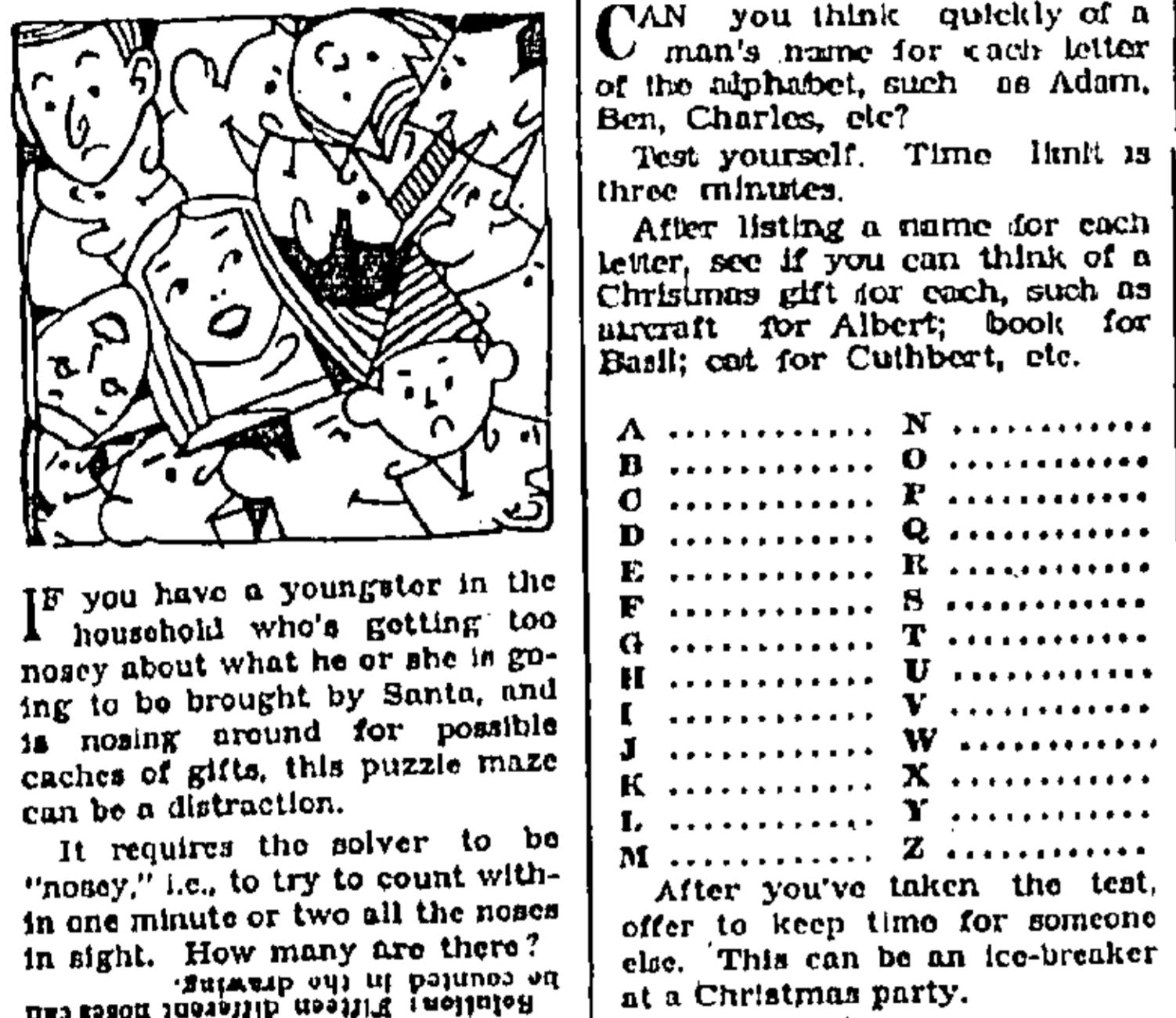
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Colour Him (1)

SANTA, above, may be traced and colored for use as a decoration on handmade Christmas cards. You may wish to write a jolly verse accompaniment for it.

Are You Nosey?



If you have a youngster in the household who's getting too nosy about what he or she is going to be brought by Santa, and is nosing around for possible caches of gifts, this puzzle maze can be a distraction.

It requires the solver to be "nosy," i.e., to try to count within one minute or two all the noses in sight. How many are there? (Answer, 10.)

Rupert and the Carved Stick—43



After searching all round the rough top of the island without success Rupert thinks they ought to return and then moves off. To his surprise his pal does not follow. "Hi, wait a bit," calls Edward. "I believe I've found it!" Hurrying back, Rupert exclaims, "All rights reserved."

The one gift they all Love...



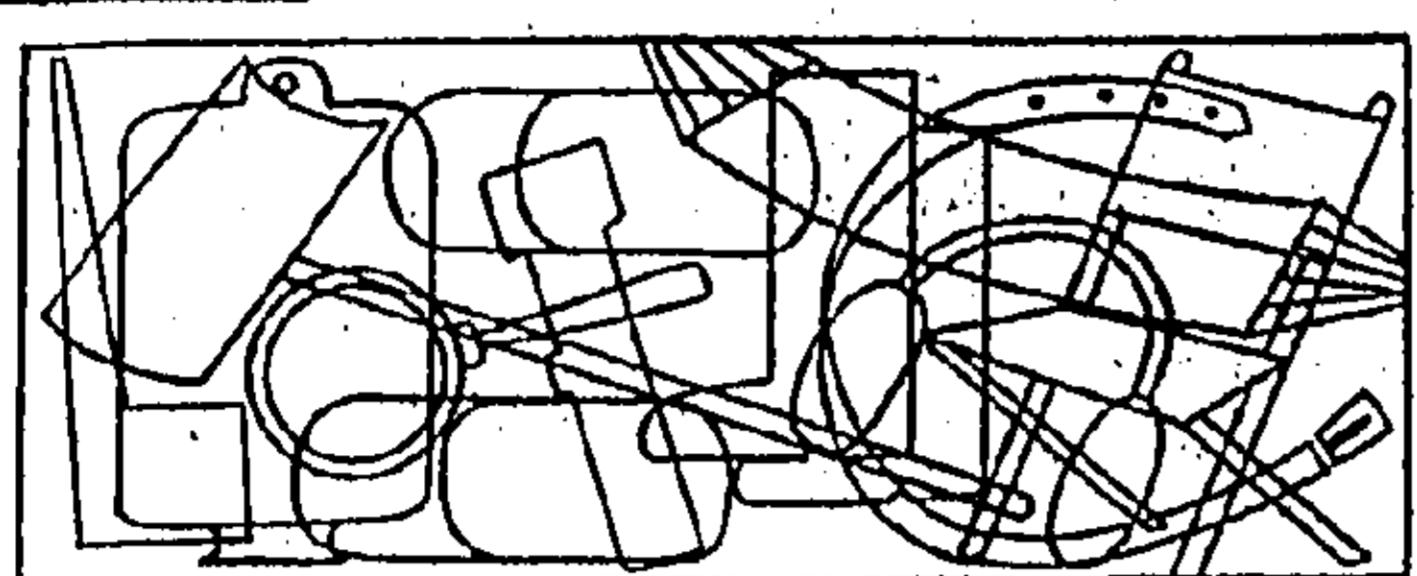
Christmas FUN

St. Nick's Best Wishes?

GIVEN a choice, what would Santa Claus himself give for Christmas? No one knows for sure, of course, but it can be fun to speculate.

Let's suppose that good St. Nick had an idle moment in which he doodled the figures shown in the diagram below. There are eleven items in all.

How quickly can you identify each of these items? (Answer, pipe, pipe, pipe, pipe, pipe, bottle, bottle, bottle, bottle, bottle, bottle.)



Name-Calling Race

CAN you think quickly of a man's name for each letter of the alphabet, such as Adam, Ben, Charles, etc?

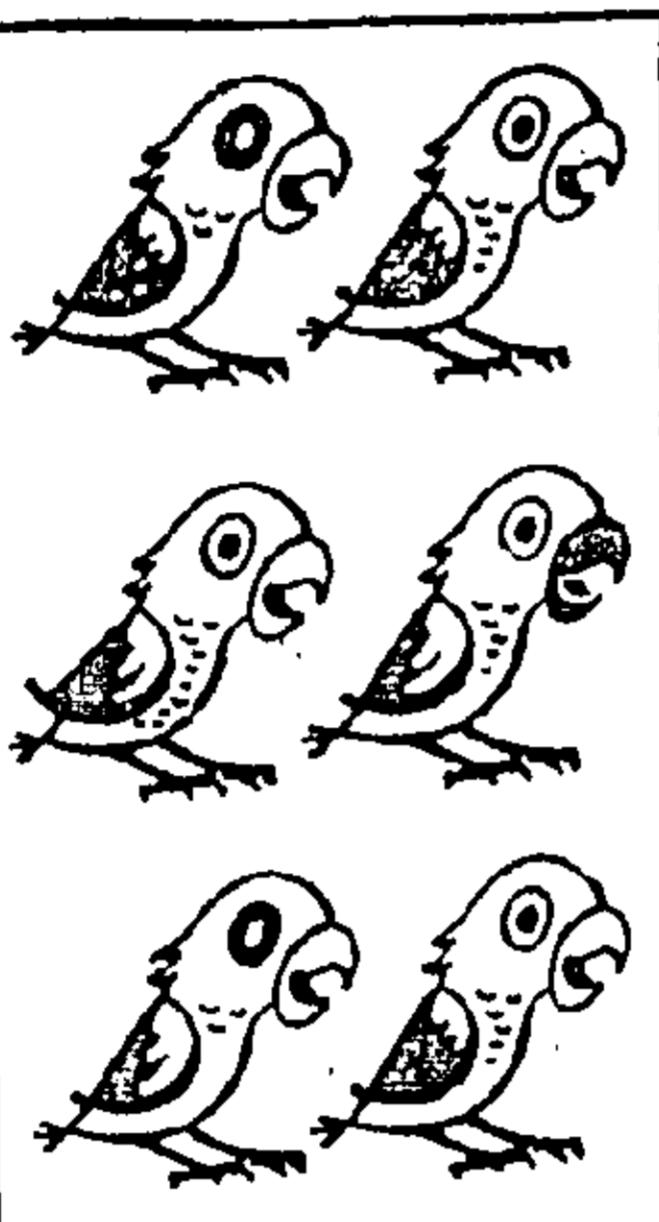
Test yourself. Time limit is three minutes.

After listing a name for each letter, see if you can think of a Christmas gift for each, such as aircraft for Albert; book for Basil; cat for Cuthbert, etc.

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After you've taken the test, see if you can keep it for someone else. This can be an ice-breaker at a Christmas party.

Which Are Twins?



THIS is a test of your quickness in paying attention to details. It requires you to discover within one minute, which two of these birds are twins, that is, exactly alike.

Remember, object is to get black to 1 and 3; whites, 0 and 6.

Cut out the four sections of the design and see how quickly you can assemble them into the cross.

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TODAY'S HEXANGULAR RUGBY

Club Face A Big Test Against RAF But Both Army Teams Should Win

By PAK LO

The Club face their big test in the Hexangular Tournament this afternoon when they clash with the Senior Service on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m., for a win here will take them to second place in the Table. Both the Army XV's are in action this afternoon, and both are expected to take the two points from their opponents. At Kai Tak at 3.00 p.m. Army South face bottom-of-the-table Police, while at 4.15 p.m. on the same ground Army North will have to go all out to beat the airmen who are at home today.

The other game on the Club ground is between Club "B" and the Whitfield Wanderers. The Wanderers have always been impressive on the Club ground, and are likely to win again today.

One other minor match is scheduled between RAF "B" and the 1st Lances at 3.00 p.m. on the Army ground in Boundary Street.

The Club are putting out the strongest XV available this afternoon, but are missing Cheung in the centre of the threes, with Addis coming in his place. Otherwise the Club back division is unchanged. In the Pack, Newbigging now again returns to the second row.

Definitely Good

The Navy are of course still without Rodd, but even without him they have a very strong XV this afternoon.

With Lances as hookers they should win the majority of the scrums, and while they may have to share the lineouts, their backs

should get a plentiful supply of the ball. The halves and backs are definitely good with Kao at full-back. Kao will be remembered as the former star full-back, and he also played for the Colony in that position, but they will be up against the hard tackling Club backs today and will be lucky to penetrate to any great extent.

The Club threes are the more dangerous, and if they get the ball, and they should score.

The Club have, if anything,

the strongest packs in the Colony, and the Army North should win again today.

The Answer?

In the minor game at Club, Club "B" are stronger today in the backs, and have brought Wiggett up to fly outside Tancock. This might well be the answer to Club "A"'s problems, but against the fast breaking Wanderers pack they are going to have little chance to settle down, and the Wanderers with their good, if not outstanding threes should win again.

The Club also will be all out to show that last week's defeat was merely a fluke, the pack, and Army should just win this afternoon, though a draw here would be no surprise.

In the Army South-Police game the Police have kept up their scrum-half with Rien behind him, but have had to drop Dunn back to full-back as Ringer was injured in the mid-week game. Though few spectators knew it he played most of the game with a deep gash that required eight stitches after the match.

The Teams

Following are the teams for today's games:

Club: Lochrie, Browne, McTavish, Addis, Inglis, Valentine, Bennett, Whitley, Shaffer, Williams, Howe, Newbigging, Penman, Steven, Campbell.

Club "B": Martin, Hutt, Heenan, Laville, Cooke, Wiggett, Tancock, Turner, King, Kilvert, Walker, Collinson, Sank, Ut, D'Eath.

Police: Dunn, Fisher, Johnson, Scott, Bellington, Rhach, O'Hare, Purves, Cunningham, Shielley, Newton, Counsell, Roberts, Ross, Bryan.

Army South: South, Woodward, Bird, Shap, Gould, Brown, Warrington, Clarke, Chappel, White, Lernage, Mandier, Gibby, Cattley, Clarke, Lees.

Army North: Leppard, Bede, Cox, Bopes, Jowett, Peasey, Phillips, Graham, McIntosh, Morrison, Wynn, Muniz, Hill, Hodge, Whitmore.

RAF: Wilcox, Burwood, Martin, Radcliffe, Poyner, Lowe, Sampie, Sleer, Hill, Wright, Mose, Ahern, Brackenbury, Roberts, Conway, Touch-judge, Coombes.

RAF "B": Fitchett, Sweating, Hughes, Kelly, McShane, Blak, Howitt, Richardson, Jones, Jones, Forre, Campbell, Beld, Segar, Haigh, Touch-judge, Francis.

Navy: Kao, Watson, Delaney, Puttock, Devan, Melville, Heenga, Ross, Isaacs, Strachan, Russell, Hunt, Douglas, Hollick, Price.

Whitfield Wanderers: Crawford, Watson, A. N. Other, Sanderson, Youngs, Woolendar, Elliott, Wiseman, Richards, Grimsell, Tonbridge, Cleary, Hellings, Prior, Lodge.

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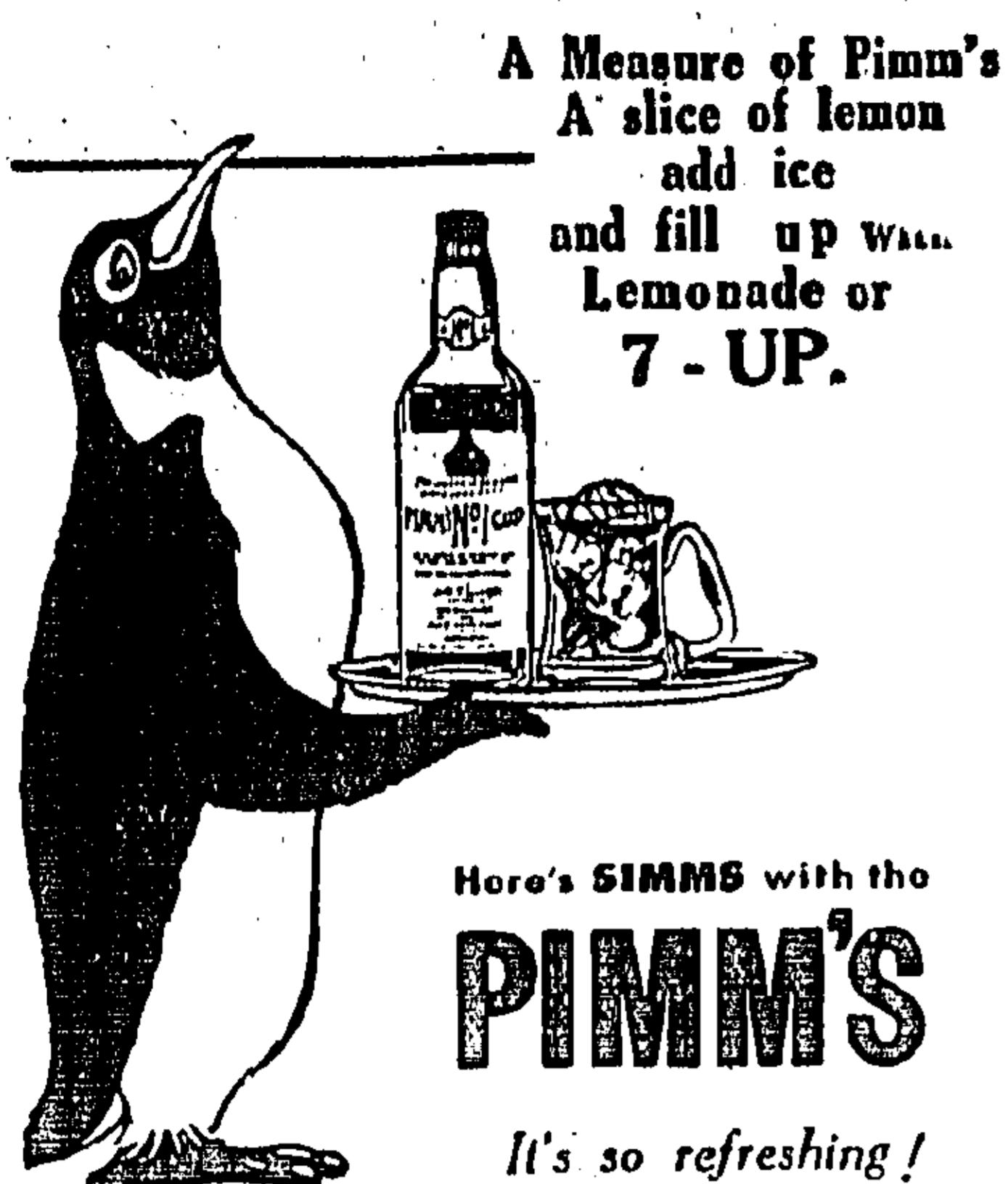
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5TH RACE MEETING

Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th December, 1958
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission-Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, D'Aguilar Street and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 10 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

GUEST BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members, and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each per day and \$32.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 8, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th December, 1958 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over \$8,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription and the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the 1st race on 20th December 1958 and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 14th February 1959, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at—

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Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, To The men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

HONG KONG, 6th December, 1958.

Cricket League Enters 2nd Round

THE CONTROVERSIAL TEST MATCH CATCH

'Caught' Off The Ground

Australia won the first Test match comfortably by eight wickets, but the controversy still rages whether Colin Cowdrey, batting in England's second innings was caught out by Kline. It is now learnt that an Australian television film proves that Cowdrey was wrongly given out. It shows that Kline caught the ball after it had hit the ground.

Cowdrey was given out at a critical moment of the match, and the decision might well have cost England the Test.

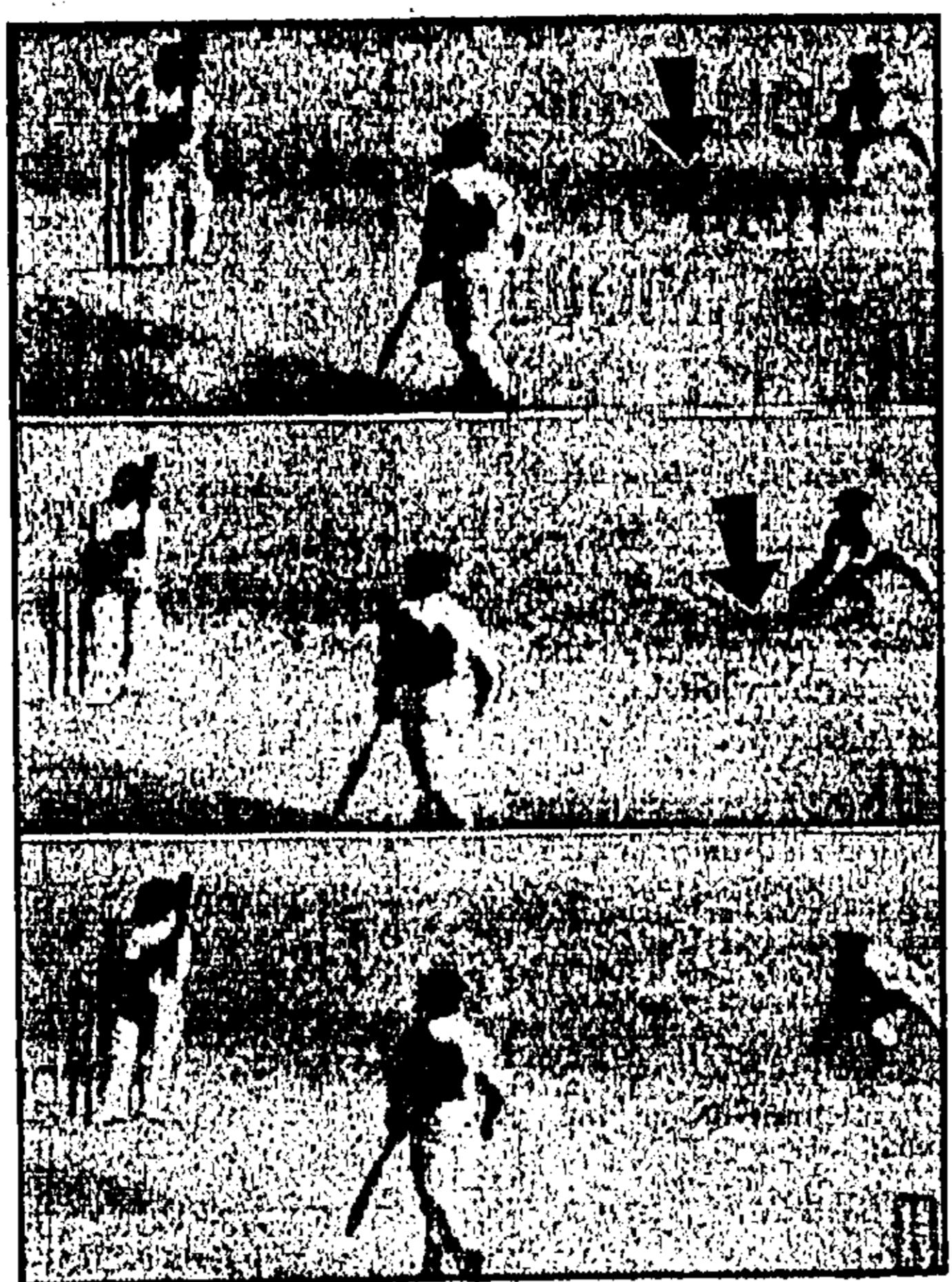
HALF VOLLEY

English players were sure the ball hit the ground almost a yard in front of the fielder whose method of gathering it suggested to the experienced eye that it was taken on the half volley.

Their suspicion grew when Kline did not throw up the ball in triumph, as is the usual custom.

Richie Benaud, Australia's captain, went over to Kline and accepted his version of the incident.

No one in the English camp blames either umpire, but it was a sad mistake at a vital time.



These are sequences of the catch as TV sees it. Cowdrey has played a ball to leg. Wicketkeeper Grout appeals as the ball goes into Kline's hands. Cowdrey is given out, but a film strip proves—too late—that it wasn't a catch.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

South China Tangle With Seminoles And Saints Take On The Pandas

By 'TIME OUT'

With the first round fixtures completed, the favourites of the respective leagues are expected to come through in the weekend encounters but as this has been a season full of surprises, upsets by the 'underdogs' must not be ruled out.

In the Senior league the pennant-conscious South China tangle with the youthful Seminoles in the morning and the league-leading Saints take on the unpredictable Pandas after lunch.

In the minor league the Dodgers and Cheyennes meet the Sturdists and Austers whilst in the ladies division the University squad and Matadors are pitted against the Toreros and Overseers.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday Fred Diesta's Dodgers, after their startling defeat at the hands of the Comets a fortnight ago, will be all out to redeem themselves when they cross bats with Lionel Dayhams' team of schoolboys, the Sturdists. The Dodgers took the first game with more than enough runs to spare but the Sturdists have come a long way since and the Filipinos must not underestimate them.

The Toreros, still winless, are as keen as ever but still lack class.

Manager-cum-coach A. Iosmail will have to pull his socks up and see that his girls get some real tough turnouts if he expects them to break into the win column.

The Seniors will be seen in action at 11.00 a.m. when the Carolinians and the Seminoles lock horns for the second time.

The Tribe were thrashed by the ever convincing score of 18-1 in the first encounter. They have since overcome the 'big league' jitters and although they are not

expected to emerge victorious the margin of runs at the end of the seventh should not be more than four or five runs.

The fair ladies left the curtain on Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1959 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

ARMY 'SOUTH' FAVOURED OVER 'OPTIMISTS' IN TODAY'S MAIN MATCH

The Colony cricket league season enters its second round this afternoon with increasing interest in both divisions.

In the senior division three teams, Hongkong Cricket Club "Optimists", Hongkong Cricket Club "Scorpions" and Army South are on even terms at the head of the league table, with Recreio, Kowloon Cricket Club, Craygong and Indian Recreation Club all within striking distance.

By ROBERT TAY

both have been also highly unpredictable in their batting form.

Anything can happen in this match, but with all due respect to these two teams, it must be urged that their rate of scoring be appreciably increased if the match were to reach a conclusive ending.

It has been a usual occurrence for both Scorpions and KCC to keep up a commendable rate of scoring for their first four or five wickets and then tail off badly towards the second half of their batting.

Brilliant Win

Army "South" scored a brilliant five-wicket win over title-contending Royal Air Force last Saturday at Kai Tak mainly through the brilliant bowling of Private Dodd. Dodd had up to then been playing regularly in Army South's second division eleven, and by taking seven wickets for 39 runs in this match, he not only made a spectacular debut in the Colony's first division cricket, but also proved that he thoroughly merited his promotion.

The soldiers' batting also appeared to be much steadier than it was at the beginning of the season, with Goodwin, Stoddart, Robinson, Everett, Green, Morkill and Saddle, providing a fairly formidable vanguard. Army South have never been such a better balanced team as they are at the moment.

Even Match

As in most of their matches, Optimists' hope of a victory this afternoon will rest on the batting form of their starwarks, George Rowe, Pritchard, Kilbee and Leigh-Bennett. Failure of any of these batsmen to get into the 50's will mean a decisive win for Army South while a good stand by any of them will give the match a close finish with the odds slightly in favour of the soldiers.

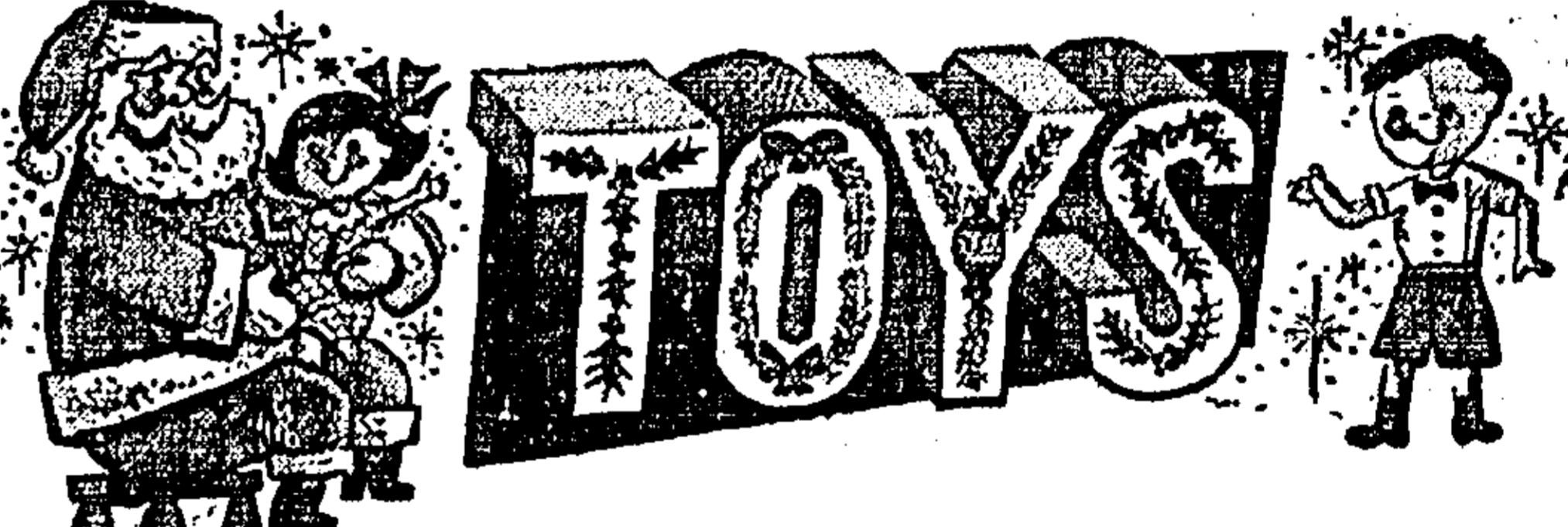
The Scorpions-KCC game at Chater Road is expected to be an even one as far as chances of winning are concerned. Both teams are feeling the pinch of lack of one or two more attacking bowlers, and

the moment.

In the remaining first division match, Police are fully capable of giving Army "North" a good fight, despite the slight superiority enjoyed by the soldiers in both the bowling and batting departments.

The second division games will see Army South pitted against Centaurs and RAF against Navy and Dockyard. Both are not likely to drop any point here.

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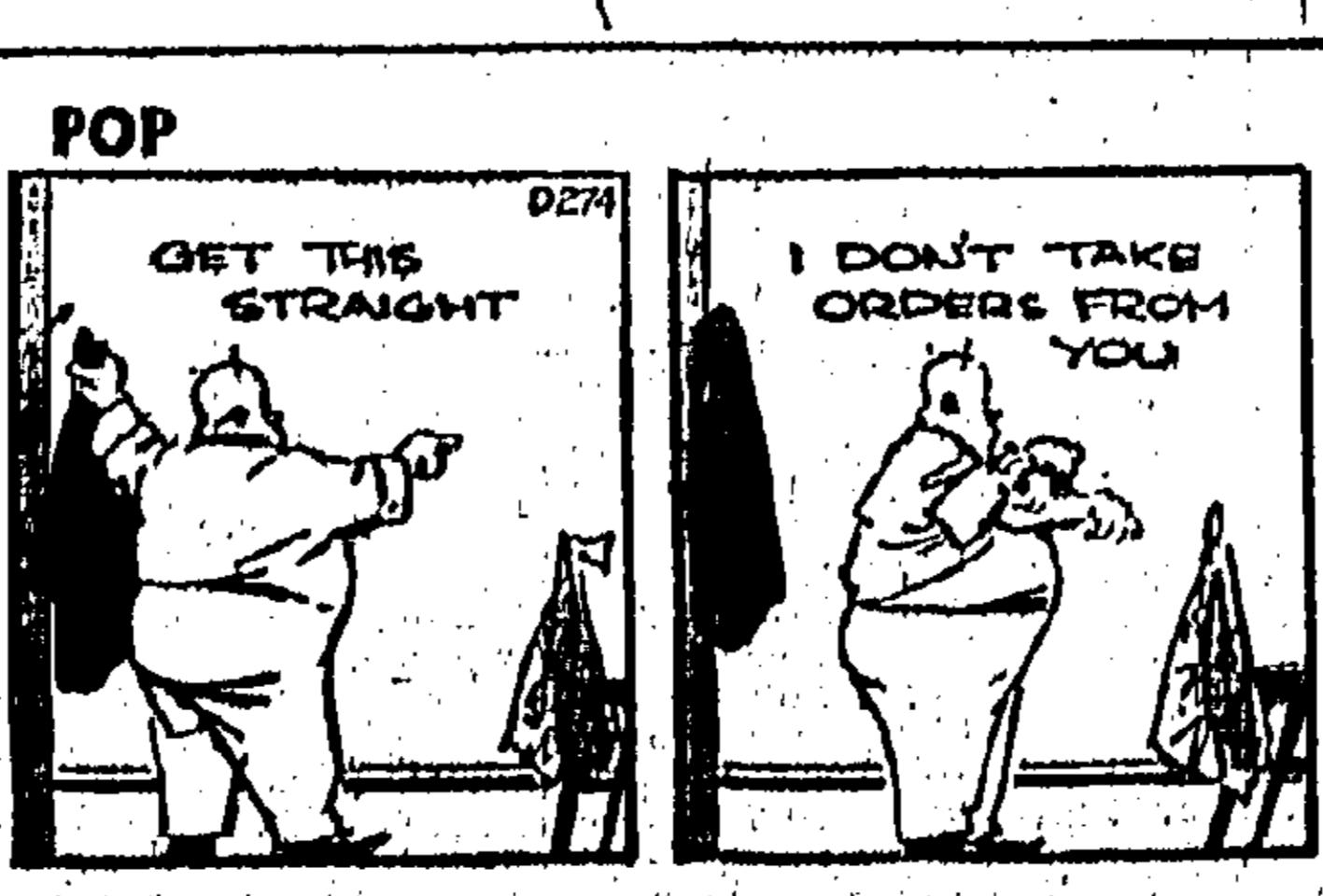
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SATURDAY SPORTS SPOT

The Rootin' Tooting Spirit Would Do Us The World Of Good

The most discussed football club in England today is not Arsenal, Manchester United, Blackpool or Newcastle United. The name on every follower's lips is that of little Tooting and Mitcham . . . a London amateur club. In Hongkong we are now roughly half way through our most dreary season of the post war years.

At first glance these two statements may appear to be completely disconnected, but personally, I believe there is a subtle relationship between the two and I hope in the next few paragraphs to bridge the 10,000 miles that separates them . . . in a sporting sense at least.

Tooting are the current kings of conversation because they have fought their way through to the third round of the FA CUP and disposed of two professional league sides along the way. They are now scheduled to meet mighty Nottingham Forest on their own little ground in London.

There is a congenital achievement and one which has captured the imagination of the sporting public far beyond the English coastline. This is reflected in the congratulatory telegrams which have rolled into the Tooting headquarters from many countries overseas . . . and it is also reflected in the tremendous national press coverage which is being accorded to every word or act involving the team . . . its management . . . its ground . . . or its supporters.

The Real Spirit

In short, Tooting's triumphs against heavy odds have lashed cup-id fever to the limit. The soccer mercury has been sent soaring up the scale and far and wide folks who may never have heard of the little team

We'd love to meet Tooting!

says STANLEY MATTHEWS

If Cup shock team Tooting and Mitcham win their next round they against Nottingham Forest and Blackpool beat Southampton how delighted I should be if these two teams are drawn against each other.

Not because I think it would be a walk-over for Blackpool either. I believe that the progress of the small clubs — amateurs, non-Leaguers and unfashionable outlanders — make the Cup what it is. It gives the competition that extra bit of spice. It is a wonderful fillip for the little chaps. And it stimulates local interest — gives them a moment that is never forgotten.

Glorious Feats

Remember the Third Division's clubs Millwall, Port Vale, and incredible York City, who all got through to the semi-finals? Remember the glorious Cup feats of teams like Yeovil, Peterborough, and Colchester (when Colchester were in the Southern League)?

I know that, as a rule, most of these non-League sides don't get very far after their giant-killing — but they have had the fonds and the boot that a struggling club needs.

I shall never forget Colchester in 1948. Blackpool beat them 5-0 in the fifth round, but what glory for them!

The novelties were with them everywhere. They trained on oysters. They were the small town heroes.

It was fantastic publicly, and they enjoyed every minute of it. And why not? There was a magnificent achievement. And, of course, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the team which beat them went on to the Final.

Yes, I'm all for the underdogs in soccer.



play at even half speed through ninety minutes of hard football. Therein lies our tragedy.

The future looks pretty bleak

but if the HKFA is prepared to

tackle the situation with resolution and determination man

could be saved and much ac-

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given a chance to make the grade!!!

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swim and gives guidance on the

necessity of replacing this ex-

penditure by consuming food of

high calorific value.

The circular is a document of

which the HKASA might well

be proud. I read it with real

appreciation . . . and that's something . . . I can't swim a stroke!!!

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U.K. POLICE SMASH AT TEENAGE TERROR

London, Dec. 19. Britain's police this week began an intensive drive to smash teenage gangs which have brought fear to the streets of several British cities this year.

Black Magic Murder Is Denied

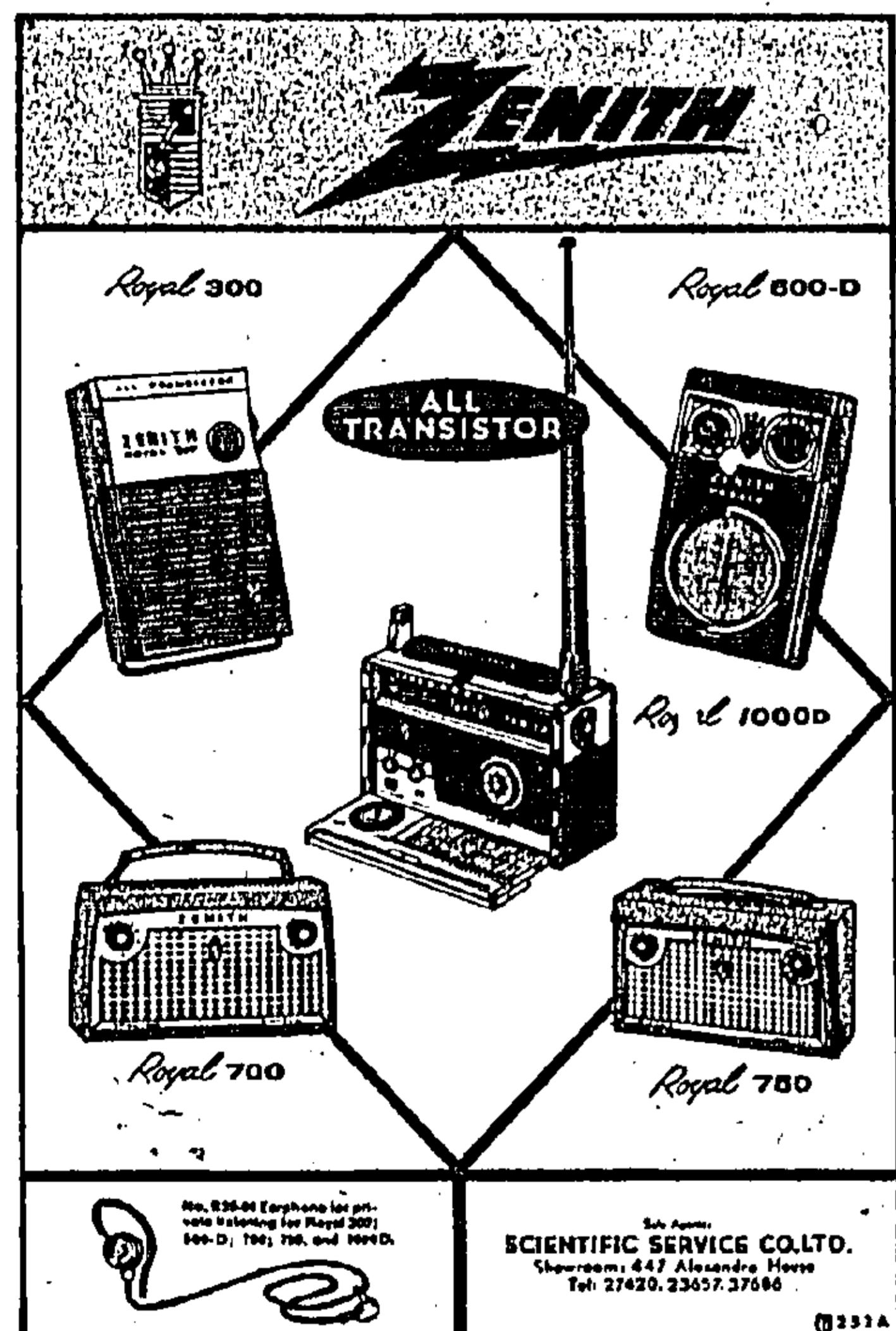
Brighton, Dec. 19. Brighton's Chief Constable said today after investigation there was no truth to reports that a baby was sacrificed at a black magic ceremony at Rottingdean.

But the man who made the allegations, Leslie Roberts, a witchcraft authority, said "The chief constable's statement is nonsense. They can't dismiss it like that."

"I want to know why they have done it, and I am going to the criminal investigation division this afternoon with some additional information."—U.P.I.

Jamming Lifted

Nicosia, Dec. 19. The Athens radio broadcast to Cyprus, which had been jammed since October, was heard clearly here tonight. British jamming of the radio was stopped during the visit of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, to Athens last August but was resumed when Britain's "partnership" plan came into force on October 1.—China Mail Special.



May Wants Fighting Batsmen

Launceston, Dec. 19. Peter May, the England captain, said today the MCC "will have to have a more positive approach to batting" for the second half of their tour of Australia.

He paid tribute to the bowlers, deciding, the "merry good innings" so far, and the wonderful spirit of the side but hoped that a more positive approach by MCC batsmen would prove the deciding factor in the tests.

He said Trevor Bailey, the Essex and England all-rounder, would be considered as an opening batsman for the match against South Australia at Adelaide from December 24 to 29.

May did not want to belittle Bailey's test performance at Brisbane, which he regarded as a feat of concentration, but he did not want the side to get following encounters with members of the juvenile underworld.

Even the killing of the policeman last weekend and match is the penalty for the murder of a police officer on duty — did not prevent another attack on a constable in London's West End on Wednesday.

This time two Teddy Boy

gangs combined against a lone constable, seeking to disarm one youth. They surrounded him, beat him to the ground and kicked him as he lay there.

The gangs fled when reinforcements appeared.

Juvenile gangs revolted in the racial riots in London's Notting Hill area and in Nottingham last August.

The law struck swiftly. Nine youths, the elder of whom was 20, were gaoled for four years for going out on a "nigger-hunting" expedition.

This seemed to be the beginning of a new era of police power.

The question now being asked in some quarters is: should this go further — should Britain's police force be armed?

Since the start of the force, Britain's police have been equipped with only a wooden baton.—Reuter.

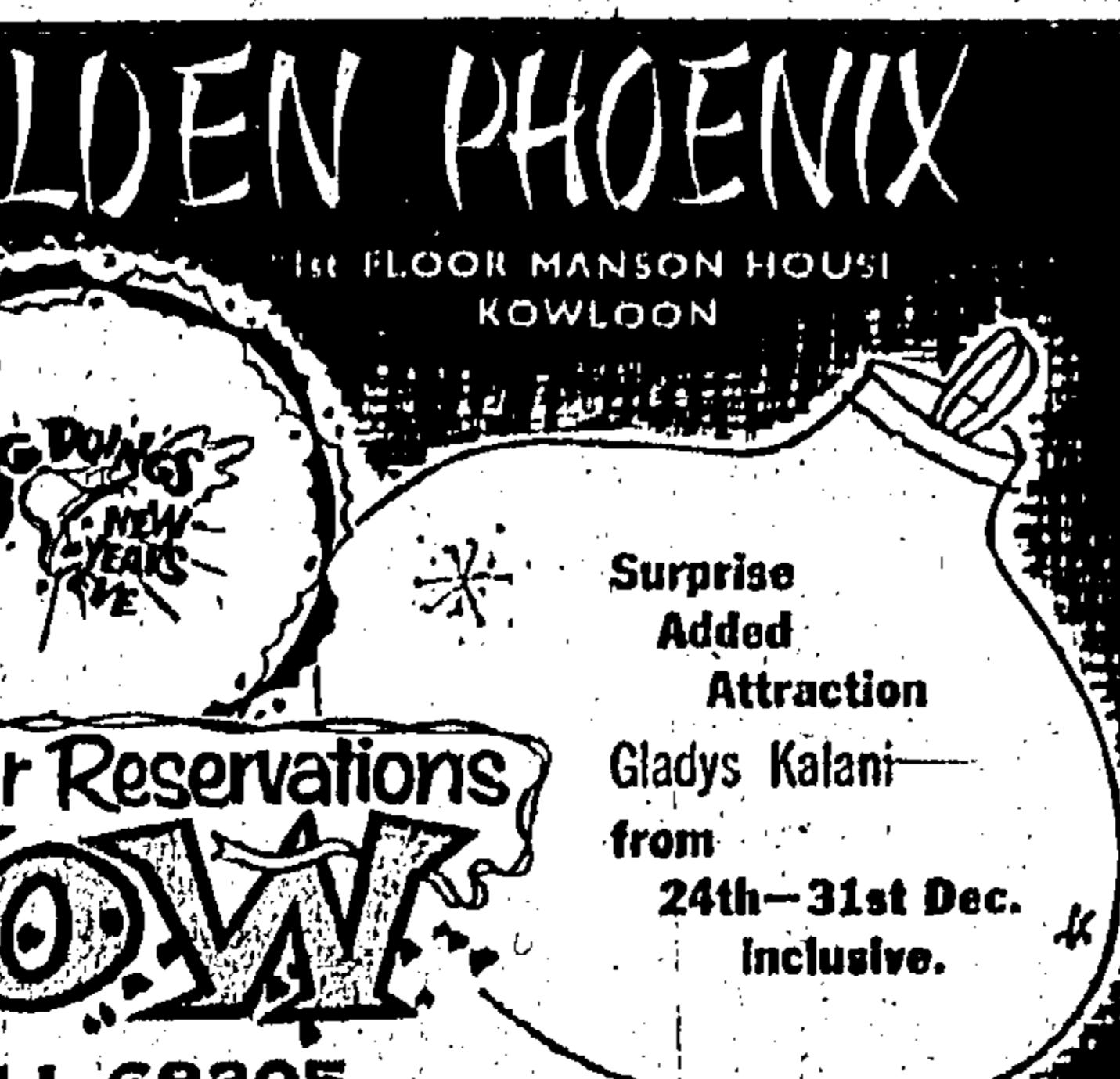
Judy Not Signing Yet

London, Dec. 19. British Olympic Swimming Champion Judy Grinham today declined to sign a seven-year film contract on the grounds that she first wants to see if she likes film work.

She was offered the contract following scenes she has already shot for a film in which she plays the part of a physical training instructor.

Judy said tonight: "Naturally, I was pleased to be offered such a long-term contract, but I am not signing because I want to see if I like film work first."

The contract was offered by the associated British Film Corporation.—Reuter.



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Giant Missile Brain Unveiled

New York, Dec. 19. A 10 million dollars giant electronic brain, unveiled for the first time today, will, with similar computers, form the basis of United States air defence.

The huge machine can co-ordinate radar findings and other data in fractions of a second and launch guided missiles or planes toward enemy aircraft or missiles approaching the United States.

A Bomarc missile was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and directed by the brain here today. Correspondents here were able to watch on a huge circular screen the operation 1,500 miles away.

It took the Bomarc only

four minutes to search out and get within range of a B-17 bomber and then be diverted at right angles to intercept another, smaller, plane many miles away.

Air force officials said either of the planes could have been destroyed by the Bomarc, which was for this demonstration allowed to plunge harmlessly into the Atlantic.

Largest Ever

Fourteen computer stations, similar to the one here, are being established throughout this country and the air defences of the United States can be operated from any one of them.

The computers, the largest

ever built, consist of huge radio-like panels covering hundreds of square feet of floor-space.

Air Force officials said a missile could be launched in less than two minutes after an enemy plane or missile was picked up by the radar network strung out along the American coastline.

Planes could be guided and their weapons fired automatically by the computer without human guidance.—Reuter.

The results were little

short of astonishing, according to the magazine "Reporter."

Bailey In Hospital

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One company reported making a Christmas present of \$230 thousand in cash. Another told of lending a customer a yacht "liquored, fueled and girded."

Scores told of giving Cadillacs, trips to Europe, stocks, whole heating systems for houses and other items worth from \$2,000 to \$6,000. Television receivers, Hi-Fi systems and whisky by the case were commonplace.

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